

Popplewell football report expected to support identity card plan

The efforts of the Prime Minister to persuade the football authorities to introduce a national identity card system...

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

By some football clubs to be compatible so what eventually a national scheme will emerge...

Bradford gathers to mourn its victims

From Peter Davenport in Bradford

It was a day not for forgetting a tragedy but for coming to terms with the grief caused by the disaster that still haunts the city of Bradford...

City comes to terms with grief



Above: Dwarfed by the memorial cross, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, Provost of Bradford, leads the singing.

Below: Martin Fletcher, aged 12, and his mother, Mrs Susan Fletcher, who lost Martin's father, brother, grandfather and an uncle when the fire started.

A tiny teddy bear, placed on an iron seat in the gabled stand, is thought to have been the family's memorial to the dead members of the Fletcher family.

The service was organized by Bradford City Council to enable people to grieve, to celebrate the lives of those who died, to give thanks for the heroism shown on the day...

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Cash crisis in soccer clubs

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Just 36 out of Britain's 92 football league clubs were in profit at the end of last year...

Many clubs are already in debt, resulting in many cases in high interest charges. Wage bills are heavy. The average bill for first division clubs was £1.02 million a year...

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The size of the problem - clubs exceeding assets. Arsenal, which had a pre-tax loss of £0.94 million in the year ended May 1984, had the biggest wage bill at £1.8 million...

The big spenders - rankings by wage bills. Financial year to May 1985: first to mid-1984. Source: Dunlop's

All those who lost relatives or who were injured in the fire were invited to attend the service. The organizers said they could understand why some had chosen to stay at home and grieve in private.

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The stand looked much as it did immediately after the fire; but its blackened remains were brightened by ranks of flowers and floral tributes to those who died.

In the section of G Block, where the fire started, four bunches of flowers in memory of some of those who died there had been placed among the charred remains of the seating. Further along, roughly fastened to an iron seat stanchion, was a little teddy bear bearing the inscription: 'May 11-1985. The day tragedy belittled a dream awaited for three generations.'

Bradford schools carried baskets holding 500 white carnations which they handed out among the congregation. 'It was the people we were told, a symbol of new life. However, the order of service contained a reminder that, for many, more practical help was still required. A leaflet produced by the council to help those trying to cope with personal loss was folded inside. Some people had questioned the timing of the service and its location. But there was little doubt that those who came

were deeply affected. One young man had to be helped off the ground when it all proved too much, another man walked away as the last hymn was being sung, removing his glasses to dry a tear and outside the ground, a policeman was seen wiping tears from her eyes. The floral tributes - one for each of the victims laid by 56 children - were removed after the service. Later this week the stand will be demolished in preparation for the rebuilding of the grounds.

TUC will fight cuts in benefits

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

The Trade Union Congress is launching a vigorous campaign against the Government's proposals to restructure the social security programme.

The Government is starting to dismantle the welfare state, the TUC says in leaflets produced for the campaign. 'Stripped of all the frills, it is nothing more than an exercise to save the Government money at our expense'.

Alarm over state of roads and sewers

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's infrastructure, including roads, railways and sewers, which was deemed ill-cared for five years ago, is now 'sufficiently unkept and at risk to give rise to public alarm', according to a report published today by civil engineers.

Union membership still falling

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

Trade unions in Britain and the West are continuing to decline considerably in membership but show no signs of withering away, according to an industrial relations specialist.

Table: UNION MEMBERSHIP DENSITY. Columns: Country, 1979, 1983. Rows: Australia, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Curbs on Whitehall abuses proposed

By David Walker Social Policy Correspondent

The head of the Civil Service should have the right to complain to MPs about undue political interference in appointments to senior Whitehall jobs.



Sir Douglas Wass, former joint head of the Home Civil Service.

Training scheme defended

By Our Labour Reporter

The Government yesterday rounded on a report criticizing the effectiveness of the £800 million Youth Training Scheme (YTS) made by Sir Gordon Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General.

Peers likely to retain TV coverage

By Our Political Reporter

The House of Lords is expected today to vote to continue to allow its proceedings to be televised.

RAF famine operation to be extended

By Our Political Reporter

The RAF Hercules relief operation in Ethiopia, which the Government had planned to end in September, is to be extended, MPs are expected to be told today.

Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, who visited Ethiopia last week to see the relief work, is understood to have concluded that the airlift, which has cost some £1.5 million a month since last November, should continue.

Mr Raison spoke with the Prime Minister on Saturday after his return. Mrs Thatcher had told the Archbishop of Canterbury in a letter on Friday that if the operation was still needed it would be extended.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, flew in an RAF Hercules yesterday to Gundo-Meskel, a remote area of the northern Shoa province of Ethiopia where thousands of people are being fed with food dropped from the air.

The Labour leader arrived in Addis Ababa on Saturday for a three-day visit to drought relief centres and to hold talks with African leaders attending the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit.

Mr Kinnock said later that there must be no loss of the Hercules service because it served areas that would not get food by any other means. OAU goals, page 4

Holidays bring sea rescues and road jams

Coastal rescue services in South Wales and the south of England had one of their busiest periods of the summer at the weekend as scores of sailors and windsurfers tempted out by warm weather got into difficulties in strong winds. In one accident, Mr John Mills, a windsurfer died on Saturday after being pulled unconscious from the sea at Mumbles, near Swansea, West Glamorgan.

TGWU loser 'to stand again'

By Our Labour Reporter

The position carries a place on the Labour party's national executive. Mr Wright, who is backed by right-wingers, will face competition from the favourite, Mr John Freeman, the union's leader in Northern Ireland. Mr Bill Morris, the national bus officer, Mr Joe Mills, northern region secretary, and possibly Mr Larry Smith, the TGWU executive officer.

Apex votes for political levy

The Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), which today became the first white-collar union to announce that its members have voted in favour of retaining their political levy.

City cuts rates to court's limit

Edinburgh's Labour-controlled city council yesterday complied with a court order and reduced its rate by 1.8p in the pound, but undertook not to increase council house rents to make up for the cash shortfall.

Destroyer ready for Navy

A new guided-missile destroyer, which last year was the subject of a rate-in by workers at the Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside, sailed on Saturday for the naval base at Rosyth before being formally handed over to the Royal Navy.

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Thatcher will resist move to ban Sinn Fein

terrorism would be helped by making the party illegal. Indeed, prohibition would be seen by many as fundamentally undermining the principle of free elections in the province, which is the basis of the union and the guarantee that Northern Ireland will remain part of the United Kingdom as long as the majority there so wish.

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Man linked by MP to bank 'loan fraud' flies in with plans to repay money

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Mr Michael Hepker, one of the businessmen linked by an MP to allegations of possible fraud at Johnson Matthey Bankers, arrived in London from Chicago yesterday with plans to defend himself and repay up to £1.5 million.

Mr Hepker, aged 44, chairman of Leeds-based Sumrie Clothes Ltd, said he would telephone Bank of England officials handling the JMB finances today "to see whether they want to have a meeting or pursue the discussions we had previously. We are in the course of agreeing on a repayment schedule."

Last week in the Commons, Mr Brian Sedgmore, Labour MP for Hackney, South and Shoreditch, said Mr Hepker had led Bank of England auditors "up the garden path" over a £1.5 million loan to an Isle of Man company called Ravensbury Investments. The loan, Mr Sedgmore said, involved fraud.

After the accusations, Mr Hepker on a business trip to Chicago, said money, which with interest could amount to £1.5 million, was borrowed for a company called Provincial

Properties (Wales). Mr Hepker owned the company and the money was to develop a supermarket site in Barry, south Glamorgan.

He said yesterday at Heathrow Airport: "As for leading the auditors up the garden path, to the best of my knowledge and belief I have never had any contact with the auditors of Johnson Matthey Bank". His relationship with the bank had always been cordial and perfectly normal.

"I think Mr Sedgmore has been highly irresponsible and I think he ought to have made checks on the information and looked into the person who provided him with it."

He added: "Apart from the instincts of wanting to punch him on the nose, I think he owes me an apology. I would like him to come out from under the skirts of Parliament and make these allegations public."

Mr Hepker said that taking into account securities on the loan worth £800,000, plus £100,000 for sale of part of the 1.5-acre site and the value of the rest of the land, between £1.1

million and £1.2 million was available to the bank.

The bank had valued the site, part of the security on the loan, at £300,000 but Mr Hepker said the value increased if there was an end user. The site had been valued without one.

"The plan we have been discussing was to develop the site under a new development scheme. The bank would receive the first £300,000 and two-thirds of the excess, and the developer would receive a third."

He said the loan from JMB had been channelled to Provincial Properties (Wales) through Ravensbury Investments, which owned the company.

Mr Hepker said he had two other loans from JMB which had been repaid. One had been for about £1 million and the other for £250,000.

There was no special reason for dealing with JMB, which was one of a number of banks he had used. "There was no rumour going round that JMB was a soft touch and you should get in there quickly", he said.



Mr Hepker and his wife Patricia after she met him at Heathrow yesterday.

Heathrow terminal to have £68m refit

By Charles Kneivitt, Architecture Correspondent

Terminal three at Heathrow Airport, London, is to be done up at a cost of £68 million, once British Airways long-haul services are transferred to the new £200 million terminal four early next year.

Redevelopment, to improve passengers' comfort and services, is to be phased over four years. Completion is planned for the spring of 1990.

Mr Gareth Howell, airport director of D. Y. Davies Associates, of Richmond upon Thames, architects for the scheme, said that it would probably be the largest refurbishment project in Britain. The terminal opened in 1961.

The British Airports Authority is taking advantage of the temporary drop in the 11 million passengers using terminal three to start work, which has been planned for several years.

British Airways, which will use terminal four for its intercontinental and scheduled flights to Paris and Amsterdam, accounts for about a third of the passengers now using terminal three. KLM and Air Malta will also move to the new terminal.

Improvements to the departures building will include a 40 per cent increase in the check-in area, more lifts and escalators, better shops, and a 30 per cent increase in the size of the departure lounge. The duty-free shops will be more than doubled in size and new baggage-handling, incorporating a laser system, will be installed.

In the arrivals building, the immigration hall will be extended and the area roofed, the baggage reclaim hall will be increased in area by 70 per cent and the arrivals concourse by 25 per cent.

The new terminal four building, which opens next year, will include an underground station and will be able to handle 2,000 passengers an hour in each direction with 64 check-in desks.

Signing of treaty to bar Spain as refuge

By Our Crime Reporter

A new extradition treaty between Spain and Britain, blocking the use of the so-called "Costa del Crime" as a refuge, in the future, for Britons on the run, will be signed in London today.

It is estimated that up to 100 alleged criminals, wanted for crimes ranging from murder and armed robbery to fraud worth millions of pounds, are living in southern Spain, out of reach of extradition warrants. The new treaty cannot be used against them because Spanish law will not permit legislation to be retroactive.

But if the wanted men leave Spain and return there the warrants become active and the Spanish authorities can deport them, not necessarily to Britain, under a wide-ranging new law affecting foreigners.

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Call to keep Lyceum alive

The Covent Garden Forum neighbourhood council yesterday called upon the Greater London Council to bid the Lyceum theatre to bidders interested in ensuring it remains a live theatre.

The GLC has given the Mecca leisure organization permission to turn it into a discotheque and restaurant, but a GLC spokesman said yesterday the lease stipulated that the building must be used for live theatre for a third of its opening time.

Sugarbeet rise

Britain's sugarbeet yield should increase by 3 per cent this year, according to British Sugar. A corporation spokesman said farmers in the Eastern Counties were growing sugarbeet on about 500,000 acres, which was expected to produce more than one-million tonnes of white sugar.

British Telecom to face quality tests

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The Office of Telecommunications (OfTel), the consumers' watchdog of the telephone network, is planning to make spot checks on British Telecom to test the service quality. The tests will include checks on the frequency of wrong numbers, the number of pay phones which are not working at any one time and the speed of the repair service.

The tests will be operating throughout the United Kingdom by the end of the year. Consumer market research surveys and checks on telephone locations will be two of the methods employed in collating information on the network's performance. The office has a budget of £500,000 for hiring outside consultancy services for the financial year ending March 1986.

OfTel has taken over the role once performed by the Post Office Users National Council as the monitor of the service.

But it also has the responsibility of ensuring that there is fair competition in the telecommunications industry.

OfTel is receiving about 700 complaints a month on a range of subjects which is 10 per cent higher than the previous year when the users' council was the watchdog. The principal subject of complaint, as has been the case in previous years, is disputed telephone bills.

In the first five months of its existence from August of last year, OfTel received about 300 complaints on issues relating to British Telecom's licence and another 70 on charges and tariffs.

Nearly 3,000 general complaints were received in that period from consumers in England, while the telephone watchdog in Wales received 99, in Scotland 290 and in Northern Ireland 162.

COMPLAINTS PERIOD AUGUST 5 TO DECEMBER 31 1984

	OfTel	Northern Ireland	Wales	Scotland
Accounts	955	101	51	88
Quality of service	445	22	13	67
Provision of service	299	15	11	64
Deposit reminders, deposits	402	6	2	15
Charges	343	7	7	39
Directory services/directories	106	2	4	9
Payphones	85	-	-	22
International services	10	-	-	-
Other matters (advancing, electronic mail etc)	168	2	11	1
Total	2811	162	98	290

*Advisory committee on telecommunications for the three countries. Only Scotland has a separate classification for payphones and none have any for international services.

Butchers being trained to cut out the fat

Some of Britain's traditional cuts of meat are to disappear, and butchers are being retrained to produce a new range to keep pace with the demands of health-conscious housewives.

Butchers at the Meat and Livestock Commission have developed a technique for butchering pork, lamb and beef which can provide lean cuts and joints that are easy and quick to cook.

Some butchers' shops are already selling these cuts, but the main supermarket chains are introducing them, alongside traditional roasts and joints.

The new technique involves removing the bone completely, and then trapping away the remaining fat so that only lean meat is left.

Gunman stages 'Bonnie and Clyde' battle

A man armed with a shotgun, who fired on the police in a Devon village yesterday, may have been influenced by the gangster film, *Bonnie and Clyde*, shown on television hours earlier.

The man fired at his girl friend's car, parked in a street in Fremington, and at police cars which arrived at the scene.

The man drove off in one of the damaged patrol cars and armed detectives chased him for several miles along narrow country lanes. A volley of shots was fired at one of the pursuing police vehicles.

A police spokesman said: "It seems the man watched *Bonnie and Clyde* on TV and tried to emulate them."

Two hours after the original incident a man was held after a police ambush in Barnstaple.

Untidy farmland aims to save wildlife

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

There was a time long ago when the Manydown Company farm on the edge of Eastingshoke in Hampshire regularly won awards for the best-kept in the district.

Nowadays it is usually at the bottom of the list, and when Mr Hugh Oliver-Bellasis, who owns it jointly with his brother Charles, says with a smile that he doesn't give a damn, he means it.

It is not that they are bad farmers, far from it: theirs is a considerable estate, with 19 full-time workers and nearly 3,000 acres, most of it used for growing arable crops for seed.

But what apparently upsets the judges is that in these days of orderly weed-free crops, sprayed to banish all intruders, the Manydown fields, seen from the roadside, are untidy, colourful masses of poppies, mayweed, thistles, bindweed and all sorts of other things that farmers have been taught to seek out and destroy.

The reason for this apparent disorder is that Mr Oliver-Bellasis has deliberately made a practice of leaving an un-

sprayed 20-ft wide strip around each of his wheat and barley fields. That may not sound like much, but the results suggest that if it became accepted practice, the benefits to wildlife and the landscape nationally could be dramatic.

The Cereals and Game Birds Research Project, which he started two years ago, was prompted by a conviction that the continued destruction of hedges and verges, and the elimination of weeds and the insects that rely on them, would lead to the eventual extinction of many species of birds, butterflies and small mammals.

A 15-year research programme by the Game Conservancy has shown that the prophylactic use of pesticides and fungicides was destroying the food supplies of insects and quite possibly directly poisoning the insects.

The elimination of predators such as ladybirds, hoverflies, lacewing beetles and earwigs allowed aphids to flourish, forcing farmers to use chemical insecticides.

The results of the Oliver-

BMA fears abortion controversy

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Fresh attempts could be made to restrict the grounds for abortion if the Government legislates to reduce the time limits from 28 weeks into a pregnancy to 24, the British Medical Association and the British Pregnancy Advisory Service said at the weekend.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA's ethical committee, said his committee's reaction to a report from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists calling for

a lower limit was to welcome it strongly as "on balance a good thing", but there were some reservations.

"We recognize that things have changed a great deal since 1929 when the Infant Life Preservation Act was passed, particularly our ability to save very much younger infants", he said. "The fear a lot of people have is that any attempt to legislate is likely to open up again the whole hoary debate about termination of pregnancy."

Some of the "absolutists" in the anti-abortion lobby were so

determined to pursue their case that "I doubt if they are going to agree that a small limited measure like this is something that should be allowed to go through without amendment."

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service, the largest of the private abortion charities, said it would oppose a change in the law as "neither necessary nor desirable". Although the Act assumes that any child older than 28 weeks is capable of being born alive, it also makes it an offence to abort any foetus capable of being born alive, whatever its age.

"To some extent what is being proposed is already in the law", a BPAS spokeswoman said.

"Very few abortions are performed over 24 weeks - 197 in 1982 and 238 in 1983 on residents of England and Wales - which is less than two in 1,000 of all abortions."

"Studies by the Royal Colleges have shown that many of the late abortions occur because of late referrals or because tests to establish foetal abnormalities do not work first time or are lost and have to be re-done."

Shopping in town centre under study

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Initial studies have been started by the National Economic Development Office (Nedo) which could lead to the first exhaustive study of the future of the traditional high street.

There appears to be increasing confusion among planners, in Whitehall and among city centre retailers especially about the increasing trend towards developing shopping centres on the outskirts of towns and cities.

A concern is that the switch to out-of-town shopping could leave town and city centres so weak that rental and rateable values would fall disastrously, while leaving many people, such as those without their own transport, largely devoid of shopping facilities.

The big grocery chains have long argued that in many towns where supermarkets have been established at the edge of towns, the central shopping areas have still thrived.

What the initial studies are attempting is to identify the issues. That could lead to a fuller study.

An initial report is likely to be ready for the October meeting of Nedo.

Ecology project

The environmental pressure group, Greenpeace, will launch a fund-raising drive in London on Wednesday to finance an Antarctic expedition. The organization intends to land a four-man team on the southern ice cap to monitor any mineral explorations.

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RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Cancer screening: 1

Doctors demand an overhaul of programmes

President Reagan advised Americans at the weekend to have a medical check-up "If you think something isn't right".

Indeed, in Britain many thousands of lives could be saved each year through screening against a range of cancers.

The cancer that attacked President Reagan strikes 25,000 people a year in Britain, of whom 17,000 die.

Next year sees the conclusion of a seven-year trial of breast-screening methods, at eight centres, from Edinburgh to Guildford.

Half are being offered screening, the others are not. At the end of the study, the incidence of mortality in the two groups will be compared.

Screening means that growths can be detected in the pre-cancerous stage and treated without the need to resort to disfiguring mastectomy.

Even if the statistics prove to be impressive, a national programme still seems several years away.

Next to breast cancer, cancer of the cervix is most feared by women, claiming about 2,000 lives a year among the 20,000 annually who develop it.

An effective screening test has been available for 20 years, and it is Government policy that all women at risk should be offered screening at five-year intervals.

But although more than 2 million cervical smears are taken each year, there has been little impact on the incidence of the disease.

Officially leading the rescue operation said they believed no national register existed of earthwork reservoirs.

Engulfed town praises speed of rescue

From Peter Nichols Tesero

With the pulsating roar of helicopters filling the valleys of the Trentino, grief at the dreadful loss in human life and anger at the thought that the Stava disaster should never have been allowed to happen are relieved by the obvious efficiency of rescue forces.

In past Italian disasters, such as the massive earthquake which struck the south five years ago, criticisms of the attempts to bring help erupted at times into open fury.

The people of this stricken town, which has lost at least 69 of its own inhabitants fully recognize the speed of reaction, the moving dedication of the soldiers, police and carabinieri

Less than two hours later four helicopters of the Fourth Army Corps had landed 150 Alpine troops, and by mid-afternoon Signor Giuseppe Zamberetti, Minister for Civil Defence, had arrived from Rome with Signor Elvino Pastorelli, his director-general, who is in charge of rescue co-ordination.

One explanation for the effectiveness of the operation is that the people in this far northern mountain area are sturdily capable of looking after themselves.

A staff officer with the Fifth Army Corps gave four reasons for the great improvement compared with the reaction to the southern earthquake.

First, he said, the nature of the people was undoubtedly different; there was much better co-operation between civil and military authorities; communications were good; and the Army was beginning to show results from the biannual rescue operation introduced three years ago.

It is also clear that the comparatively new Ministry for Civil Defence, under its energetic minister, is now working far more effectively.

The only conceivable criticism heard is that perhaps the reaction was exaggerated, and that too many men and vehicles were sent to the rescue.

There is a new element, in that the operation is becoming something of a race against time. The mud is hardening under the strong sun, and will greatly hamper digging operations.

Army officers estimate that they must expect another week of digging before any decision is taken about the final choice of clearing the mud or bulldozing it and allowing nature to take its course.

Police handled all traffic with remarkable calm, pointing out courteously to drivers that if their journey was less than necessary they would do well to turn back.

About 2,000 were available for each shift and there have been cases in which commanders had difficulty in persuading them to rest when their shifts were over.

Refugees survive by eating seaweed

Tokyo (Reuters) - Eight exhausted Vietnamese rescued off the Japanese coast spent more than two months at sea living on seaweed, turtles and rain, the Kyodo news agency reported yesterday.

The three men, four women and a girl aged 15, were picked up by a Japanese patrol boat on Saturday after fishermen spotted their drifting boat about 110 miles south of Kagoshima in southern Japan.

One body was found in the boat and 15 others were thought to have died on the voyage.

Pas de la Casa, Andorra (Reuters) - Nine people died and up to 16 were injured when a gas explosion wrecked a crowded supermarket here.

Harare (AFP) - Mr Denis Norman, who was dropped as Zimbabwe's Agriculture Minister, has proclaimed his allegiance to the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe.

Madrid - Spanish air traffic controllers called off plans for periodic work stoppages after the administration agreed to start negotiating by today on reduced workloads and improved hours.

Agana, Guam (Reuters) - Police have arrested three men in Palau on suspicion of murdering this Pacific island's President Haruo Remelik on June 30.

Paris (Reuters) - At least two people were killed and eight injured yesterday when a gas oven exploded in a bakery in the northern suburb of Le Bourget.

Ankara (Reuters) - Turkish authorities lifted martial law in Ankara on Friday after six-and-a-half years. But it continues in the south-east of the country where Kurdish rebels skirmish almost daily with troops.

Washington (Reuters) - Admiral Joseph Metcalf, who commanded the US-led invasion of Grenada in 1983, has been found innocent of wrong doing in bringing home several Soviet-made AK47 assault rifles captured on the Caribbean island, the Navy said.

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japan's Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by a 93-year-old convicted killer Sadamichi Hirasawa for his release after 30 years on death row.

Hong Kong - thousands of people were turned away from 11 beaches on Hong Kong island yesterday as a big operation started to clean up an oil slick from the Brazilian-registered tanker Frota Durban which ran aground while trying to reach the harbour.

Cadiz (Reuters) - Four people were killed in a landslide yesterday which buried a small beach shack near this southern Spanish port.

Norfolk, Virginia (AFP) - The American professional boxer Robert Medina was arrested as he stepped out of the ring here after police identified him from publicity photographs as an escaped convict.

Checks on dam safety criticized

Tesero (Reuters) - The disaster could shock the Italian Government into tightening checks on thousands of artificial basins throughout the country.

Signor Gianluca del Bono, an official with the National Geological Inspectorate, said government facilities were still hopelessly inadequate for inspecting the often unstable terrain around the basins.

Local administrations have set up their own inspectorates but these often lack the resources and expertise to carry out exhaustive geological checks.

Officials leading the rescue operation said they believed no national register existed of earthwork reservoirs.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, then the Soviet Foreign Minister at the UN General Assembly last year, is expected to continue to press for a meeting with the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, when the UN convenes in New York this autumn.

Observers in Jerusalem pointed out this weekend that such contacts, which have accelerated since Mr Mikhail Gorbachev took over, are viewed by both countries as being in their interests.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who met Mr Peter Onu of Nigeria, who has been acting Secretary-General for two years.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother finished a sometimes gruelling eight-day visit to Canada at the weekend and flew back to London leaving many Canadians agape at her vigour and endurance.

The Queen Mother, who is nearly 85, visited three provinces during her tour: Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta, her last stop, where she spent three days before flying home from Edmonton on Friday night.

This was the ninth visit the Queen Mother has made to Canada since 1939, when she and King George VI crossed the nation on the eve of the Second World War.

There were nostalgic echoes of the 1939 visit. At the Saskatchewan legislature, she signed a gift book which she and the King had been the first to sign 46 years earlier.

How Soviet Navy would hit Nato

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The most dramatic action of the Soviet Union's largest-ever naval exercise has been a demonstration of how it would deal with British and Dutch Marines seeking to reinforce northern Norway if war broke out.

The Nato surveillance co-ordination centre at Northwood, near London, reported that the most powerful ship in the exercise, the 43,000-ton carrier, Kiev, accompanied by a battle cruiser and five escorts, which had been off northern Norway dashed 400 miles south to launch Forger vertical take-off aircraft.

Their targets were four amphibious landing ships, accompanied by two escort vessels which had come out of the Baltic and sailed up the west Norwegian coast, apparently simulating the wartime role of the UK/Netherlands Amphibious Landing Force.

The exercise involves 100 Russian surface ships and submarines, they were monitored by 40 Nato vessels, apparently all European.

Kiev's Forger aircraft had been in the air, whilst the carrier's Helix helicopters had operated in an ASW screen, 15-20 miles ahead of the force.

An alert Bristow's helicopter pilot had detected the Baltic fleet missile submarine, as it transmitted on the surface, just off the Shetlands.

Beirut (Reuters) - Helicopters dropped Israeli troops into the Shia Muslim village of Qabrkha in south Lebanon yesterday and at least three villagers were killed during a search by soldiers.

Beirut police said a civilian was killed and six were wounded in sniper exchanges between Christian and Muslim militias in the capital.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother impressed Canadians

From John Best, Ottawa

The highlight of her Alberta visit came on Thursday when she opened the fifth World Angus Forum.

Applause as Reagan goes marching in

From Michael Blayton Washington

An exuberant President Reagan made a triumphant return to the White House at the weekend, applauded by about 2,000 aides and families waving balloons and posters saying "The Gipper comes through - again".

He left Bethesda Naval Hospital by helicopter on Saturday, a week after his operation for the removal of a cancerous tumour in his colon.

Holding hands with his wife, Nancy, he walked across the White House lawn while a Marine jazz band played "When the Saints go Marching in".

In blue trousers and open-necked blue shirt, he looked fit and cheerful despite a slight limp. He grinned, waved and blew kisses to the crowd with both hands.

Mr Reagan will spend the next few weeks recuperating with a light workload before leaving for his California ranch on about August 14.

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President Cossiga of Italy weeping during a visit to the bodies of the Stava disaster victims at a church in Tesero yesterday.

UN date for Russia and Israel

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israeli-Soviet contacts are likely to continue, including a possible meeting between the foreign ministers in New York later this year, despite an embarrassing leak last Friday about a meeting between the Israeli and Soviet ambassadors in Paris.

Observers in Jerusalem pointed out this weekend that such contacts, which have accelerated since Mr Mikhail Gorbachev took over, are viewed by both countries as being in their interests.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who met Mr Peter Onu of Nigeria, who has been acting Secretary-General for two years.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother impressed Canadians

From John Best, Ottawa

The highlight of her Alberta visit came on Thursday when she opened the fifth World Angus Forum.

There were nostalgic echoes of the 1939 visit. At the Saskatchewan legislature, she signed a gift book which she and the King had been the first to sign 46 years earlier.

Stiffer road penalties canvassed

By Patricia Clough

The public will be asked for its views on changing the penalties for road traffic offences when a government-inspired study is published on Thursday.

Among the questions is whether to make greater use of manslaughter charges - which in the worst cases could mean life imprisonment - for motorists who kill people by dangerous driving.

The study has been carried out by the Royal Law Review panel of Civil Servants and independent experts, under the chairmanship of Dr Peter North, principal of Jesus College, Oxford.

The panel is due to make its recommendations next year. A Home Office spokesman said yesterday that the penalties for motorists who cause death by dangerous driving was one of the main issues at stake after many complaints that such drivers were not punished severely enough.

Police often preferred to bring charges of causing death by reckless driving - which carries a maximum five-year sentence - because of the difficulty of proving manslaughter, the spokesman said.

BR fitting emergency door levers

British Rail has decided to fit emergency levers to allow passengers to open automatic sliding doors on trains from the inside.

The decision comes after a campaign by the Central Transport Consultative Committee, the rail users' watchdog group, which feared that passengers might be trapped in an accident.

A spokesman for BR said yesterday that trains fitted with automatic sliding doors, mainly on Southern Region, would begin to be modified within the next few weeks.

Although trains with sliding doors have been used since the 1930s, no incidents of passengers being trapped in an accident have been reported.

The official escape route has been through interconnecting doors on carriages to the front and the rear of trains, but passengers have said that some of the interconnecting doors have been locked, with handles missing or unable to be opened.

Sun was correct to call for new TGWU ballot

After allegations of ballot-rigging in the election of a new general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, The Sun was entitled to publish a trenchant leading article calling for a fresh ballot or an independent inquiry, the Press Council said yesterday.

The council also upheld a complaint against the Daily Mail for failing adequately to correct a misleading headline.

Teenage Gulf War prisoners who cannot go home

From Robert Fisk Ramadi Prison Camp, Iraq

The Iranian inmates crowded round us, 16 and 17-year-olds in frayed, drab grey uniforms. Model prisoners according to the camp commandant, Major Ali, happy teenagers according to Anush Tusi, the senior Iranian officer at Ramadi Camp Two, a medical student with a boy's thin moustache.

How could they be otherwise, the camp's dentist asked? Why look, they had schools, a library, a tuckshop, table tennis, even basketball.

A portrait of President Saddam Hussein smiled down benevolently on them. "If you obey camp rules, it will be the better for you and everybody else," a poster advised in Farsi.

In the radio speech, his first public words since his operation, Mr Reagan expressed his determination to get a budget agreement with substantial cuts in the Federal deficit.

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Long years of grievance fuelled violence in the black townships

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The start of the violent unrest in South Africa's black townships can be dated to September 3, 1984, when rioters clashed with police in Sharpeville, about 40 miles south of here. The spark was apparently confusion over proposed rent increases.

Black anger fed on much broader economic and political grievances, however, including the introduction last September of a "reformist" constitution which cynically excluded blacks, more than 70 per cent of the population, from any share in political power.

The unrest quickly spread to other townships in the Sharpeville area and to the East Rand. Trouble had also been simmering for many months in the Eastern Cape, but was less obvious until the shooting death by police of 19 blacks on their way to a funeral on March 21, dramatically increased its intensity.

It is estimated that 467 blacks and two whites were killed in township unrest between January 1, 1984, and July 9, 1985, and that 443 of the deaths occurred on or after September 3, 1984.

There is no accurate figure for the number of blacks killed by blacks in 1984, but it was not as high as has been this year. Deaths in this category seem to have been mainly the result of feuding between rival political

factions, probably fanned by agents provocateurs.

Blacks killed by blacks include at least five township councillors and seven black policemen. Blacks believed to be police informers have also been killed by enraged mobs.

The latest victim, a young woman, was stoned, kicked and beaten to death and then set alight on Saturday.

According to police, 360 black policemen have had to be evacuated since September from the townships they serve after their homes were destroyed or damaged. About 240 township councillors including

27 mayors, widely regarded, like black policemen, as government stooges, are estimated to have lost their homes and/or resigned.

Deaths listed as accidental include blacks who were the unintended victims of mob fury or police action.

The low level of violence in Natal is also noteworthy. This is almost entirely due to the strength there of the conservative and Zulu-dominated Inkatha organization of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who still cherished hopes of negotiating a political deal with the Government.

New powers of search and arrest for police

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The emergency proclamation gives the state, the State President, his Cabinet, any members of a law enforcement force, any public servant or person acting under his or her instruction complete immunity from any criminal or civil proceedings.

The regulations fall into two categories: those which came into effect immediately at midnight on Saturday and those which may be imposed "from time to time". The main measures already in force are:

Any member of the security forces may, without a warrant, arrest and interrogate any person; Such a person can be detained for up to 14 days or longer if the Minister of Justice so decrees; Access to detainees by lawyers, relatives or any other people and information about them, will be refused without the consent of the minister or the Commissioner of Police; Any person, premises, vehicle, aircraft or vessel may be searched and any article seized; Any commissioned or non-commissioned officer of the law enforcement agencies may order any person to move and warn that force will be used if the order is disobeyed.

The main measures being held in reserve are: The demarcation of areas, the control of all movement in them, and the removal of any person out of or to a specific area; The control of all traffic; The closure of any public or private place, business or industry and the control of essential services; The imposition of curfew; The censorship of news about the emergency regulations.



President Botha at the press conference on Saturday when he announced the state of emergency.

Sandinistas flock to refute US charge

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

A quarter of a million people waving the red and black colours (signifying freedom or death) of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front packed the Carlos Fonseca Park on the shores of Lake Managua to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution. It was believed to be the largest ever gathering of government supporters.

President Ortega told the throng that the United States wished the world to believe that support for the Nicaraguan Government had fallen over the years. "The truth is here," he said, putting the number at the rally at 500,000.

He said the US also wanted the world to believe that American troops would be welcomed by Nicaraguans with hugs and kisses. How will they be received he asked. With bullets, responded the crowd.

US military strategists, he said, thought that invading Nicaragua would be like "hitting a drunk" because it was not flanked by friendly countries through which supplies could be channelled to the resistance.

"But if it is true that we do not have the best relations with our neighbouring governments - though we would like to - we have excellent relations with our neighbouring peoples," he said.

President Ortega devoted much of his speech at the rally on Friday to rejecting US accusations of the involvement of his Government in alleged plans to launch terrorist attacks against Americans stationed in Honduras.

At news conference on Saturday he said the allegation were aimed at conditioning the American public to an invasion of Nicaragua.

The country was defending itself purely within its own territory, while the United States "has been turning Central America into a theatre of war in order to achieve its objective of destroying the Nicaraguan revolution".

If an invasion came, the war would extend beyond Nicaragua's frontiers "into the theatre of war already defined by the United States".

Fire guts Jakarta radio

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

Indonesia's government comment on the incident which followed a serious fire in Jakarta's business section 10 days ago. The Government is trying two Muslim preachers for allegedly instigating riots which last year resulted in the bombing of Chinese-owned businesses in the capital.

Indonesia's government radio station building was gutted by fire at the weekend. Officials were broadcasting from an alternative base within an hour of the blaze, in which a broadcaster and a driver died.

Diplomats were reluctant to

The roll-call of death

Jan 1-July 9, 1985		1984 Breakdown	
Blacks killed by police	150	Blacks killed	174
Blacks killed by blacks	99	Whites killed	1
Whites killed by blacks	1	(Deaths after Sept 3)	149
Accidents	3		
Assaults unknown	25	Total deaths	175
Total	294		
Geographical incidence		Geographical incidence	
Eastern Cape	157	Eastern Cape	8
Western Cape	19	East Rand	40
West of Cape	6	Vaal River Area	74
East Rand	78	Soweto	13
Rest of Transvaal	19	Rest of Transvaal	14
Natal	15	Natal	2
Orange Free State	10	Orange Free State	24
Total	294	Unspecified	175
		Total	175

Source: Estimates by the South African Institute of Race Relations. It did not keep comparably detailed figures for last year, which was relatively peaceful until September 30.

50,000 chant defiance at sombre funeral rally

From Michael Hornsby, Cradock, Eastern Cape

In a sombre and disciplined display of opposition to the Pretoria government, about 50,000 blacks attended a funeral on Saturday outside this small sheep-farming town for four local community leaders killed by unknown attackers last month.

The burial was preceded by a lively political rally on the dusty football pitch in Cradock's Longelithe township. It had barely started when news came through from Pretoria of the Government's new emergency measures.

Exercising the last few hours of a freedom certain to be curbed under the emergency, speaker after speaker denounced the measures; they would solve nothing and only increase popular anger.

Dr Beyers Naude, the rebel white Afrikaans priest and general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said: "No state of emergency is going to bring about peace unless the doors of the prisons are opened."

There were huge cheers as Dr Naude was carried to the rostrum on the shoulders of a sea of blacks with another leading Dutch Reformed Church figure, Dr Allan Boesak, the coloured clergyman who has become a main spokesman of black defiance.

"I am saying to the Government, to the white community, to the whole world: For God's sake, before this country goes up in flames, hear the voice of reason and peace and the cry for freedom and justice of the people of this land", Dr Naude said.

The coffins were later carried more than a mile to the cemetery.

Thousands of mourners, raising clenched fists and softly chanting "Umkhonto we Sizwe", the name of the ANC guerrilla army, formed an avenue through which the cortege passed.

Heavily-armed soldiers and police patrolled the tree-shaded streets of Cradock, while members of an army unit watched the funeral through binoculars.

The four who were buried, Mr Matthew Goniwe, Mr Sparrow Mkhonto, Mr Fort Calata and Mr Sicelo Mhlawuli, were killed on June 27 while driving near Port Elizabeth. Their burnt and mutilated bodies were found a few days later.

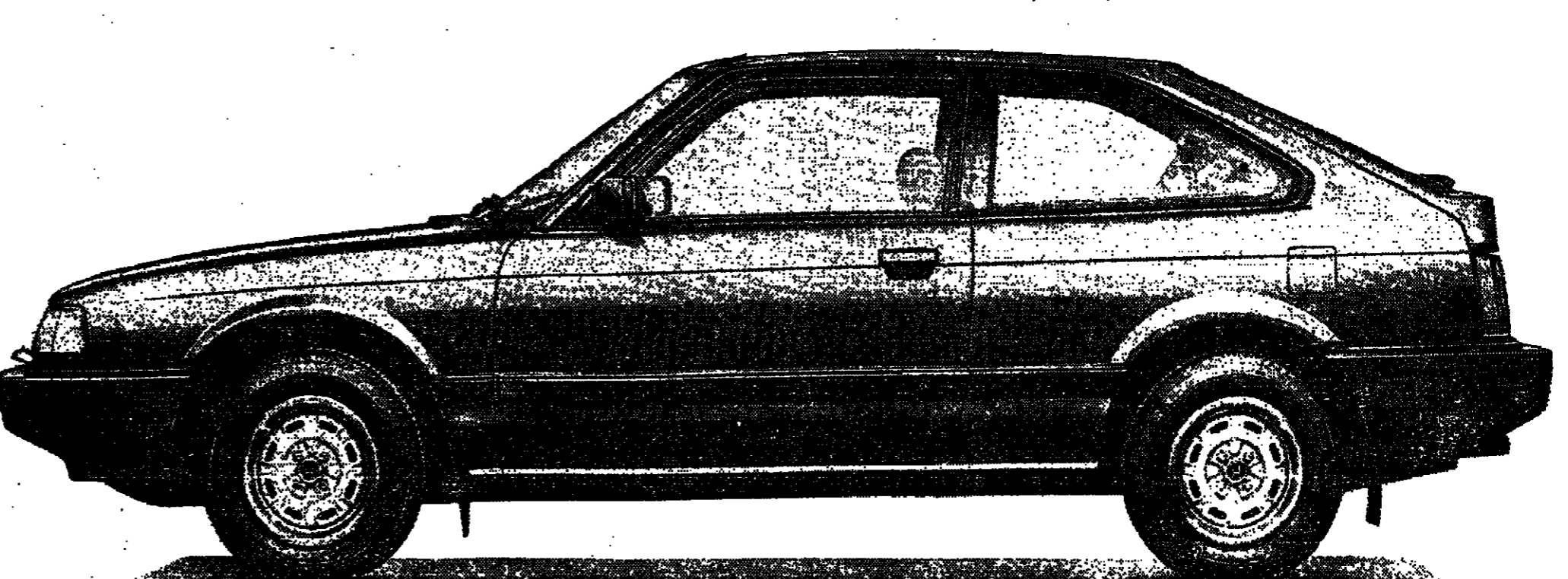
All were members of the United Democratic Front, a coalition of more than 600 anti-apartheid groups which has become the most effective above-ground opposition to the Government.

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European notebook

Pasta v citrus sideshow to great steel struggle

If you see a tired official around Brussels at the moment it is advisable not to use the word "spaghetti" in his presence. It is even wiser not to say "steel". And in no circumstances at all mention "citrus".

These are all the battles in the great trade cold war between the EEC and the United States in one of the tenuous periods in transatlantic relations for some time. Officials have been working overtime to try to end them.

They have all been running battles and there seems no chance that hostilities can be called off in an amicable fashion in the near future. In the words of a senior EEC diplomat last week: "The US is not behaving reasonably at all." In the words of a negotiator in the American representation to the Community: "These guys will say anything, but you never know if you can trust them."

A four month truce has just been agreed in the so-called "spaghetti war", but it is likely that Italy will object strenuously to the ceasefire terms when foreign ministers meet in Brussels today. The Italians are particularly annoyed that pasta has been chosen as the target by America in its campaign to force the EEC to allow more Californian citrus fruit into the Community. They are even more annoyed that the Commission has given way.

America had threatened to raise pasta tariffs by 40 per cent in retaliation for the fact that it cannot sell enough citrus to Europe. The EEC threatened to counter with a 30 per cent tariff on American nuts and 20 per cent on lemons. Instead it agreed to cut its export subsidy on pasta by 43 per cent for four months while it thought more deeply about letting in the citrus.

Was American impatience about the relatively small pasta trade all part of a get-tough campaign over the more crucial area of steel? Negotiators obviously will not say, but it certainly came at a time when the United States was seeking to screw down a new tougher-than-ever deal.

The Americans are just not impressed by the EEC argument that from the end of this year, European steel will not be subsidized and should therefore be allowed to compete freely in the American market. "There's no such thing as unsubsidized EEC steel," was one comment.

As a backdrop to the whole relationship is the very fraught agriculture sector, where the Americans are now beginning to flex their Bicep (Bones incentive Commodity Export Programme). Bicep has \$2 billion behind it to help American farmers to capture (or to recapture) markets held by the EEC.

There could well be more citrus trouble, too, as the Community brings in measures meant to protect Mediterranean countries. The proposal on this, put forward last week by M Claude Cheysson, the Commissioner involved, is to allow these countries to keep their present privileged access to EEC markets at the same level as that allowed to the two new member states.

"If the Americans aren't good enough to sell their own oranges, too bad for them," said M Cheysson.

Behind the American irritation with the EEC at the moment are the trade figures. Last year there was a £5 billion trade balance in the Community's favour compared with a £7.5 billion gap the other way just three years earlier.

"Figures like that prove we are very bad at protectionism," say the Americans.

Ian Murray

Portugal's hero of revolution on terrorist charges today

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

Portugal's revolutionary hero, Otelio Saraiva de Carvalho goes on trial today accused of masterminding and leading the extremist group, Forças Populares 25 de Abril. He was arrested a year ago in a nationwide round-up of more than 50 suspected terrorists, including a worker priest and several women.

The movement has claimed to be blamed for the deaths of 14 people in the past five years, including company administrators, land-owners, National Republican Guardsmen and bystanders killed during bank robberies.

In January, three grenades were launched at Nato ships anchored in Lisbon's Tagus estuary. The movement blew up 13 cars in February belonging to Germans stationed at the air base in Beja, saying later that it was "combating imperialism and capitalism and wanted to get Portugal out of orbit of Nato and the superpowers".

Grenades have twice hit the American embassy, damaging outer walls. Nato headquarters outside Lisbon has suffered a similar fate.

The movement first exploded on the scene on April 20, 1980, when it set off 110 small bombs

The FP25 extremists said yesterday that they had shot a former comrade who was to testify for the prosecution at the trial (Reuter reports from Lisbon). The state-owned Radio Comercial quoted the movement as saying its members carried out the attack on Friday night on José Manuel Rosa Barradas, a former member, who has turned state's evidence. Senor Barradas, aged 34, was in a serious condition in hospital yesterday after being shot and wounded near his home outside Lisbon.

around the country, releasing political pamphlets with a radical manifesto and showing a drawing of a five-pointed star and an upraised arm holding a rifle.

The manifesto said they were forming a revolutionary army to overthrow the capitalist dictatorship and the members of the old fascist regime who were returning to power.

The prosecution alleges that Senhor Otelio Saraiva de Carvalho set up the organization with three others, recruiting its members from among the ranks of the extremist groups which acted against the dictatorship before the revolution on April 25, 1974.

Ten die as Indian mob violence flares again

From Richard Ford Delhi

Communal violence continued to plague the Indian city of Ahmedabad, yesterday. At least 10 people were killed on the fifth successive day of strife.

Despite the ending of anti-reservation protests, violence has erupted again, after two weeks of calm. Hindu-Muslim battles, with the police largely ineffective.

The upsurge in terror began within 24 hours of the Indian Army being withdrawn to the city outskirts, and though it was said that troops would return quickly if needed, there is no sign of the Government acting on that pledge.

Indeed one problem facing both national and state governments is that the Army itself was seen as largely ineffective in dealing with the violence. That is not something any government wants to advertise too widely.

Yesterday there were more deaths when police fired in self-defence on a mob in a curfew-bound area, after a day and night in which at least eight people were killed and 22 injured in police shooting, stabbings and bomb blasts.

Within hours of agreement between the anti-reservationists and the state government, the mobs are indicating that nothing has changed. Ten people died in riots and arson attacks on Friday.



A child, hurt in the Jehovah's Witness hall blast, with her father after being treated.

Bombers hit Sydney Bible class

From Tony Daboudin, Melbourne

A bomb ripped through a Jehovah's Witness church hall in Sydney yesterday, killing one person and injuring 64, six seriously.

More than a hundred people were listening to a Bible talk in the Kingdom Hall in Verbena Avenue, Casula, when the bomb exploded under or near the podium. The speaker received multiple fractures when he was thrown off the podium by the blast.

Among the seriously injured were the wife and 12-year-old daughter of the dead man, whose name has not been

released. Three were hit by flying debris.

The blast, which occurred shortly after 10am, demolished the rear of the hall.

A fleet of ambulances took the injured to hospital at Liverpool near by. Casula is on the Hume Highway, the main road linking Sydney and Melbourne.

Police said the hall had been firebombed at least twice in the past 10 years but there had been no recent attacks.

had no idea whether it was set off by a timer or by remote control.

Police said they had been told the hall was broken into last week and again early yesterday and that a car was seen driving away shortly after midnight and another soon shortly after the explosion.

The six people seriously injured yesterday will probably refuse blood transfusions.

They would accept blood substitutes, of which several were available.

Leader needs all his energy for the fight on two fronts

A young social democrat becomes President of Peru next week. In the first of two articles, Colin Harding outlines some of the difficulties he will be facing.

that the state's resources are limited. Inflation is running at more than 160 per cent a year, the economy has been stagnating for years, and is burdened with a foreign debt in excess of \$13 billion.

The bombs which wrecked four political party offices in Lima earlier this month were a foretaste of one of the intractable problems that await Peru's new President, Senor Alan Garcia Pérez, who takes office on Sunday.

The Maoist guerrillas of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) thereby gave notice that there was to be no pause in their five-year military campaign merely because a left-of-centre government had been voted in with a substantial majority. Two of the offices attacked belonged to Senor Garcia's APRA party.

The incoming President, a personable 35-year-old with a dynamic, youthful image carefully modelled on that of Senor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, takes control of a country wracked by internal conflict and brought to its knees by the worst economic crisis of its 160-year history.

That elections were held at all in such circumstances was a legitimate source of pride for the current President, Senor Fernando Belaunde Terry, who becomes the first elected Peruvian leader since 1945 to hand over to his democratically-chosen successor.

While youth and energy are on Senor Garcia's side, both he and his party are badly lacking in experience of government. The party is Peru's oldest, founded in the 1920s by the late Victor Raúl Haya de la Torre. But it has never before held undisputed power, and many of its older militants spent most of their political life in exile, prison or on the run from a succession of military dictators.

Senor Garcia represents a different political generation, and he has made a determined, and so far successful attempt, to break with the conspiratorial, sectarian politics beloved of the old guard.

He has endeavoured to surround himself with collaborators distinguished more for their technical competence than for their devotion to the party. Senor Garcia's campaign promise to be a President committed to the welfare of all Peruvians has awakened hopes and expectations which his untried team will be hard pressed to satisfy.

The new leader's offer to concentrate his Government's efforts on providing cheap food and jobs for Peru's millions of unemployed has already been tempered with a warning that price rises are bound to continue for some time, and

Much depends on the attitude of the unions which, led by public sector workers, have grown increasingly impatient with the orthodox policies pursued by the Belaunde Government. Senor Garcia is hoping for a Spanish-style social compact, but the main union confederation is Communist-controlled and unpredictable.



PERU Part 1

At least the new President seems assured of the initial goodwill of the armed forces, which for many years exercised a veto against APRA. But the radical nationalism and heady rhetoric of the party's early days are now well in the past, and APRA is now seen by many officers and businessmen as the last best hope for peaceful change where the only alternative appears to be the mayhem preached by Sendero Luminoso.

Senor Garcia's handling of the rebels will provide an immediate test of his political skills. Some APRA members are anxious to promote a dialogue with the guerrillas, and have called for a partial amnesty for political detainees. This is quite unacceptable to the armed forces, who are keen to continue the quest for a military solution begun under President Belaunde.

Senor Garcia has so far promised a crash programme of economic and social development in the worst affected areas, while emphasising the need for military containment of the rebels.

Ministers named: Senor Garcia appointed 17 ministers at the weekend, not all of them in his own party. This is interpreted as an attempt to place the new government above party controversy.

The appointments include the Career Diplomat, Senor Alan Wagner, to be Foreign Minister; Senor Luis Alva Castro as Prime Minister and Economy and Finance Minister; and Senor Abel Salinas as Interior Minister.

Tomorrow: Economic priorities

Ex-Caicos chief faces long term

Miami (Reuter) - The former Chief Minister of the British-ruled Turks and Caicos Islands, Norman Saunders, faces up to 30 years in prison on drug conspiracy offences. He will be sentenced on September 3.

His cabinet colleague, former Commerce Minister, Stafford Missick, could be jailed for up to 35 years.

Saunders, aged 41, the first foreign head of government detained in the United States on drug offences, was found guilty on six counts of conspiring to travel or actually travelling to the US to promote narcotics deals. He was acquitted on a charge of plotting to import and distribute cocaine.

Missick, aged 47, was found guilty on three counts for travel violations and conspiracy to import and distribute cocaine.

Both men were convicted by a court in Miami on Friday. Saunders, Missick and former Deputy Works Minister Aulien Smith, aged 33, were arrested in a Miami hotel room after accepting \$20,000 (£14,280) from federal agents posing as drug smugglers in return for safe passage of planes laden with 900lb of cocaine a week through the 37-island archipelago.

Hong Kong liaison team meets

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

The Anglo-Chinese Joint Liaison Group, which was set up last year to help to ensure a smooth transfer of power in Hong Kong in 1997, is to hold its first meeting at the Foreign Office in London today.

Mr David Wilson, an assistant under-secretary at the Foreign Office and one of the chief architects of the Hong Kong agreement, will head the nine-man British delegation. Mr Kei Tsangshuo, his opposite number during a series of detailed negotiations in Peking last year, will lead the Chinese team.

Hong Kong's complicated economic links with the rest of the world, including its participation in the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade - to which China does not belong - will have to be accommodated within the new arrangements during the first phase of the group's work.

It will continue in existence until the year 2000, concentrating in the second phase upon the actual transition from British to Chinese rule.

The group will meet at least three times a year, in London, Hong Kong and Peking.

Ocean gives up £143m hoard of Spanish silver

Miami (Reuter) - After 20 years of scouring the ocean floor, Mr Mel Fisher says he has found \$200 million (£143 million) in sunken riches from the wreck of a Spanish galleon near Key West, Florida.

"We have been following the treasure trail for some time, and now we've come to a gigantic pile of gold, silver and jewels", Mr Fisher, aged 62, a chicken farmer turned treasure hunter, said yesterday.

He said his divers had found about half of the estimated \$400 million treasure trove of Nuestra Señora de Atocha, a Spanish ship that sunk in a hurricane in 1622.

Divers on the site, 40 miles west of Key West, say they have uncovered about 1,000 75lb silver bars forming a stack 20 yards by 10 yards and 6ft tall.

That find was followed by the discovery of a large part of the vessel's hull and about 100,000 silver coins forming more than a third of the amount listed on

the ship's cargo manifest. Mr Fisher puts the value of the day's discoveries at more than \$200 million.

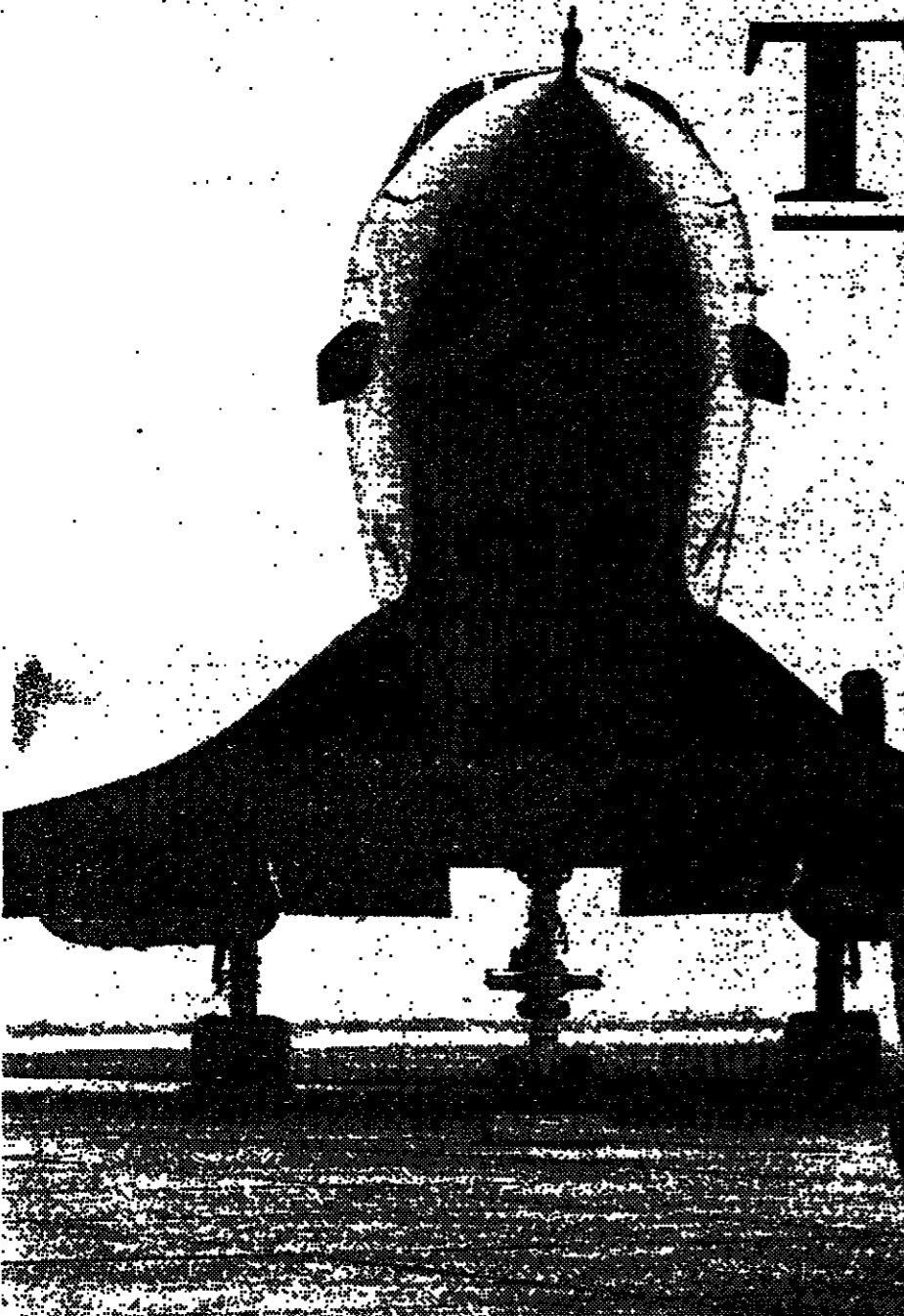
He started his quest for the Atocha and her sister ship, La Margarita, nearly 30 years ago. In 1971, he found scattered parts of the two wrecks and began lifting this treasure. Before yesterday's discovery he had already pulled up \$70 million in silver and jewels from La Margarita.

A \$3 million find from the Atocha in June prompted him to intensify his hunt, employing sonar devices, metal detectors and up to 50 divers.

Then news of the important discovery was radioed in from the wreck site. He broke into tears. "I've invested millions of dollars and tons of emotion into this effort," he said.

The sea has exacted a heavy toll. In 1975 an engine malfunction caused one of his salvage boats to capsize, drowning his 21-year-old son, daughter-in-law another young diver.

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"With the cover of the night, it's a real struggle to do without a new one."

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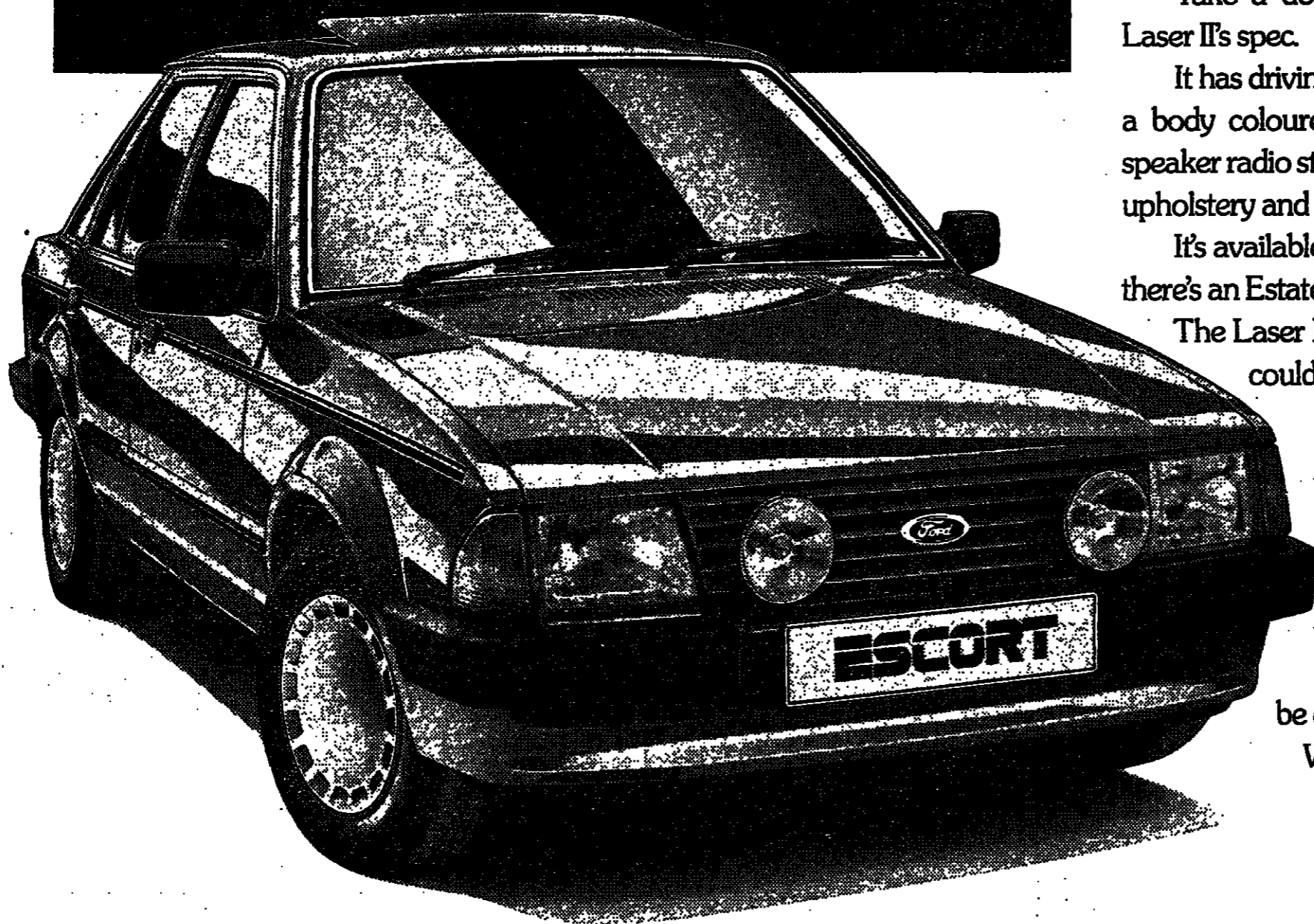
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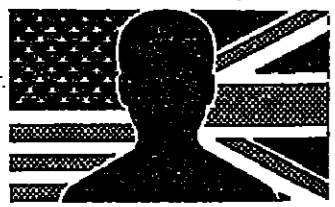
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America finds its true colours



Twenty years ago, President Lyndon Johnson proved his commitment to racial equality by signing the Voting Rights Act.

In the first of two articles, Nicholas Ashford looks at the position of blacks in the United States today and assesses their progress towards equality

Not long ago Congressman William Gray, the black chairman of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, was driving his car out of the garage at his congressional office building. Accompanying him was another black Congressman, Louis Stokes.

Suddenly they were flagged down by a garage guard who was blocking their exit, his hand on his gun holster. "What are you boys doing driving that car through this garage?" the guard inquired. "You boys get out of that car."

"Don't you know who we are?" Stokes replied. "You get paid by us," he pointed out, adding that garage guards are supposed to recognize all 435 members of the House.

Gray likes to recall this incident to demonstrate that racism still exists in the United States, although it is usually expressed more subtly. Gray is the most prominent black member of the House. He is the first black ever to head the influential Budget Committee.

However, Gray is the first to concede that such incidents, once commonplace, are now relatively rare. "When I think of the indignities my parents bore, we've come a long way. But we still have a long way to go. My job as a black man is to knock down as many of those barriers as possible."

Gray is a classic example of the new generation of blacks who have moved into positions of prominence in

officials is growing rapidly. Last year's election increased their number at federal, state, municipal and local level by more than 350 to a total of 6,056. The biggest rises have been in the South, where racism was still practised openly until the 1960s. There are now 20 black Congressmen and women, but still no black Senators or Governors.

The most dramatic increase has been among black mayors. There are now 286 of them compared with 86 in 1972, including the mayors of three of the nation's four largest cities - Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia - as well as of other major centres such as Washington DC, Detroit and Atlanta.

The passage of civil rights legislation, affirmative action programmes and judicial rulings by the Supreme Court have had a fundamental impact on race relations in the USA during the past 20 years. So too have the "war on poverty" programmes of President Johnson's "Great Society", even though they were not specifically directed at blacks.

Undoubtedly the most important consequence of this legislative and judicial action has been its effect on white attitudes. Put simply, it is no longer acceptable to be racist, to practice racism or to make decisions on racist grounds.

Some blacks would dispute this, particularly where the Reagan Administration is concerned. They would point out that over the past four years the Reagan Administration has attempted to undo many of the reforms of the previous two decades and that blacks have had to bear the brunt of Reagan's drive to reduce the budget deficit. That is why blacks voted overwhelmingly against him in 1984.

Other indicators of black progress over the past 20 years show a mixed picture, and opinions vary greatly about the extent to which blacks have been able to build on the successes achieved by the civil rights movement.

John Jacob, President of the National Urban League (NUL), wrote in the organization's 1985 issue of *The State of Black America* that blacks were riding a wave of "fresh hope and encouragement" despite a deplorable Reagan Administration record on civil rights. Evidence of hope included the elevation of Gray and four other blacks as chairmen of congressional standing committees, the big increase in black voter registration, Jesse Jackson's "respectable" performance in last year's election and a "revival of the interracial, nonpartisan movement for racial justice."

On the other hand Vernon Jordan, Jacob's predecessor, had previously reported that the hopes of the 1960s had "withered away" and that black America was suffering from "disappointment, frustration and bitterness at promises made and promises unkept."



Road to freedom: black protesters in 1963 demanding jobs and peace. Above right, black leaders who paved the way to racial harmony (from top): Dr Martin Luther King, Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson

Blacks have started to close the gap with whites in education, in types of occupation (twice as many blacks are in white collar jobs than in 1960), and in earnings of employed workers.

The record on residential segregation, family income and school integration is more patchy. In most rural areas in the South and in medium-size cities the promise of the Supreme Court's key 1954 *Brown v Board of Education* ruling, which led to the end of racial segregation in public schools, has been largely fulfilled. But little progress has been made in integrating schools in big cities largely because inner-city areas have become predominantly black due to white migration to the suburbs.

The areas where there has been virtually no closing of the black-white gap are poverty and unemployment. Thirty-six per cent of blacks were below the poverty line in 1983 compared with only 12 per cent of whites. The figures for both groups were lower than 25 years ago, but the

3-1 ratio has remained unchanged. A recent congressional report found that almost half of all black children were living below the poverty line. One reason for this has been a big increase in one-parent families among blacks in recent years (now more than 55 per cent).

The average family income for blacks two years ago was \$13,211 a year. For whites it was \$24,603. Again there has been virtually no narrowing of the gap. More than 65 per cent of whites own their own homes compared with 45 per cent of blacks.

Black unemployment remains double that of whites. As in Britain, it is highest among black youths. At the last count almost 40 per cent of black teenagers were without jobs. The homicide rate is seven times higher among blacks than among whites. Homicide is the leading cause of death for young black males.

It is hard to equate statistics like this with the high visibility profiles of men like William Gray. But what



It is no longer acceptable to be racist or to make decisions on racist grounds?

Dr Gillian Rice: latest recruit to show business

docs seem to be happening is that the black community is becoming economically polarized. Some blacks make their way into the middle classes, get well-paid jobs and send their children to college. Others, however, are trapped within central city ghettos where schools are poor, opportunities for employment bad and where they are likely to be victims of crime.

As chairman of the Budget Committee, Gray must steer a difficult course between doing what is best for the country and looking after the interests of the black community. If he succeeds then he and black leaders like him will be able to take the civil rights successes of the 1960s a major step forward.

TOMORROW Red, white and black: the condition of blacks in Britain

Media medics hit a vein of gold

Once upon a time you went to acting school and worked your way up through walk-on parts. Today's television star takes a shorter route - via medical school.

Television doctors find more fame and acclaim than ever they could hope for in an anonymous surgery or hospital. Not that the venerable old-fashioned type with a concerned frown and sober bedside manner is candidate for stardom; health programmes are entertainment and the entertainers are jolly, glamorous doctors who can play up to the camera, ad lib, prance about - dance and sing if necessary.

The latest health series, BBC1's *Bodymatters* begins on Thursday and promises to be the ultimate in medical fun and games. Subtitled a "magical mystery tour of our own flesh and blood", it is a cross between *Game for a Laugh* and *It's a Knockout*, aiming to present serious medical information within a game show format.

The three doctors who present the series have been chosen for their ability to entertain. Two, non-practising, are already polished media performers: Alan - Maryon-Davies, of the satirical singing group Instant Sunshine, and Graeme Garden, of the Goodies. The third, Gillian Rice, aged 27, is a recently-qualified doctor chosen from more than 4000 doctors who answered a single small newspaper advertisement.

A seasoned television performer, Dr Miriam Stoppard, whose new recent series *Where There's Life* regularly attracts an audience of 10 million, feels that media doctors have done much to demystify the medical profession.

"I regard myself primarily as a health educator, and feel that everyone has the right to know and understand medical matters. I want to make medical subjects accessible and bring the whole business down to earth. I say to the audience: though it's a serious subject, we're not at a waka, and if anybody has anything funny to say, they'll be more than welcome to say it. Doctors are very jolly people on the whole because they are always in touch with nasty things, and laughter becomes a defence mechanism."

Dr Stoppard is not surprised by the large audience health programmes attract. "They're popular because health is the centre of a person's life. Also, for years doctors have kept medical information hidden, and now, through television, it's coming to light. And thirdly, everybody is realizing that people have a right to know what is wrong with them. Television programmes help to put doctors and patients on a more equal footing."

Dr David Delvin, another member of the exclusive club of television doctors - now numbering about a dozen - holds similar views. "As a profession, we have largely failed to get health messages across to the public. If the new Dr Rice can do it via entertainment, that's all to the good."

Nor does Dr Delvin feel there is conflict between being on television and treating patients. "Patients aren't all that impressed if you're on television. They are always far more interested in their own health problems than in you, and couldn't really care less about whether you appear on telly, so long as you can help them. We've got to fight white pedal pushers and a stinky blouse, Dr Gillian Rice of *Bodymatters* looks the very model of a modern media medic. In the series she will take voyages along blood vessels through intestines, into sweat pores and up noses in a dedicated attempt to explaining the workings of the body. Using models, machines and jokes she will explain the effects of alcohol, sex, exercise and catching cold. She will interview such medical curiosities as a heart transplant patient, an obese person and a chronic constipation sufferer.

"It's a terrific fun to do", she laughs. "I'm certainly finding it much more interesting than my years of work in hospitals. Obviously, the programme's format is not of the same calibre as a medical school lecture. Instead, we are putting across serious information in a highly entertaining way."

Liz Hodgkinson and Val Hennessy

Bodymatters is on BBC1 on Thursday at 7.30pm.



Dr Gillian Rice: latest recruit to show business

After Spain, where can the underworld run?

Costa Rica today gates to the Costa del Crime will close with a neat legal "click" of the lock in the dignified surroundings of Lancaster House, ministers will put their signatures to a new extradition treaty between Britain and Spain.

Perhaps an arm tattooed with "I Love Mum" or the Union Jack will raise a glass in ironic salute somewhere in the back-street bars of Fuengirola. For the scratch of pen on paper in London will be the end of southern Spain's reputation as a sunny bolt-hole for Britain's decamping criminals.

In future fugitives from British justice will be unable to join those untouched by the new treaty - suspected criminals, including businessmen whose enterprises sank curiously and dramatically, a man alleged to have murdered a woman in a bomb attack; and a clutch of men linked to the £6 million Security Express robbery.

Gone is the situation where, as one barrister specializing in criminal and extradition cases said: "If you make money legitimately you go to the South of France. If you make it illegitimately you go to the South of Spain."

In 1978 Spain ended its 100-year-old treaty with Britain complaining that few of her

extradition requests succeeded because of the requirement for prima-facie evidence of an offence. Today the disagreement is over.

Not surprisingly, the underworld has been researching future havens. Mr Clive Stanbrook, a barrister and co-author of *Stanbrook on Extradition*, the standard work on the subject, has received briefs for advice on extradition. The solicitors usually want to know what countries do not have treaties with Britain. The funny thing about the briefs is that they never give any name for the solicitor's client.

Where the would-be fugitive can go may well depend on his crime. If he is a hijacker, terrorist, or takes poisons at passing heads of state, the world is ringed with international conventions.

Many countries which have not signed extradition treaties with Britain, such as the Soviet Union and Middle Eastern states, are signatories to some, if not all, the conventions.

Extradition treaties do not normally recognize conspiracy offences - so beloved by Scotland Yard's flying squad for example - apart from those

involving drugs. The only exception is the British treaty with the United States which does allow for a charge involving conspiracy.

For the rest - piracy, kidnapping, robbery, rape, criminal bankruptcy, murder, abduction - Mr Stanbrook's advice in the first instance would be to consult the schedules of the Extradition Act 1870.

They reveal that Britain currently has bilateral treaties with 43 countries plus arrangements with the Commonwealth or dependencies. In all there are 105 countries where the long arm of British law can reach.

However, there are another 75 states where the writ of Bow Street magistrates court does not extend. There are few continents of the world where sanctuary is not available providing the criminal is rich enough.

But it would have to be a desperate British bank robber who fled to the great swaths of central Africa and the Sahara where no extradition applies.

Israel, Iraq and Cyprus are the only countries in the Middle East with treaties linked to Britain but the regimes in many

other states would be uninviting. For the criminal who did not wish to stray far, Europe is almost completely closed. And East Germany or Bulgaria are very unlikely to be welcoming.

Despite South America's reputation as the home of refugees ranging from ageing Nazis to international swindlers, extradition seems to be one law even banana republics ratify. The majority of countries have treaties with Britain.

HAVENS FOR THE FUGITIVE

Heaven from extradition: Brazil, Costa Rica, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia, Venezuela. Other countries without extradition to Britain: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, East Germany, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, South Korea, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Saudia Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Yemen, Sudan, Surinam, Syria, Togo, Turkey, USSR, United Arab Emirates, Upper Volta, Vatican City, Vietnam, Yemen, Zaire. Countries with extradition to Britain: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, West Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, El Salvador, San Marico, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, USA, Yugoslavia, plus Commonwealth countries, plus British dependencies.

Unlike most surrounding countries the population of 2.2 million is European in origin and the climate pleasant. The country has the highest literacy rate in Latin America, free education state health schemes, a long history of democracy and no standing army.

A would-be resident would need to prove an income from abroad which would sustain him for five years. That achieved, he could get a permit to stay, bring his family and buy property. There is supposed to be a check with Interpol.

Unfortunately for those seeking refuge, news of the Costa del Crime interest in Costa Rica reached London earlier this year while the country's director of immigration was on a visit. A spokesman for the embassy told *The Times* that the country's congress is now reviewing immigration rules.

But if that door shuts - Costa Rica eventually threw Vesco out - there is always Brazil, where Ronnie Biggs, the Great Train Robber, still lives. Residency is available if the applicant has \$300,000 (£150,000) to invest.

Neighbouring Venezuela is cheaper. There is no financial requirement, but residency is

authorities can do. We may be prepared to extradite our citizens but few other countries do the same.

It remains to be seen whether the fugitives of the Costa del Crime will stay in Spain long enough. The new extradition treaty is not backdated and cannot be applied to them. Should they leave Spain and try to re-enter it does become active against them.

Even if they stay safely in their villas, life may still get difficult. Last week *Los Organos* *sobre Derechos y Libertades* *de los Extranjeros en Espana* came into force. Translated into English as the "Law of Foreigners" it opens the way for deportation.

The key clauses say deportations can be carried out where someone has a criminal record carrying a penalty of longer than a year in prison or whether they "engage in any activity which is contrary to Spanish interests or which might adversely affect Spain's relationship with other countries."

It is no accident that the Director of Public Prosecution's office a mile from today's signing ceremony is collating details of all outstanding warrants for fugitives in Spain.

Stewart Tendler



Bill Wilson is incurable. He's not unhelpable.

Bill Wilson wanted to be a farmer or a chef. His uncle owned a farm in Kilmarnoch where Bill was born. As it happened, Bill became a chef with the BMA. He is softly spoken, and has a warm sense of humour. Some years ago, he suffered a stroke which left him severely paralysed. He came to us at Putney - a long way from his uncle's farm. But Bill doesn't let things get him down.

He exercises with determination, loves to play chess (though he's short of opponents), goes to museums and occasionally cooks in the patients' kitchen.

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CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 702)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1 Stand-in (5), 4 Food provider (7), 8 In front (5), 9 Sharp spiky (7), 10 Treason (6), 11 Ballet skirt (4), 13 Academic cap (11), 17 Bird's home (4), 18 Rival (8), 21 Insulting (7), 22 Inspire (5), 23 Frontiers (7), 24 Cruel Judasian king (5), 1 Go between (6), 2 Faith articles (5), 3 Cogitate (8), 4 Map compilers (13), 5 Class (4), 6 Sever (7), 7 Remorseful (6), 12 Stone block (8), 15 Lodge in tents (6), 16 Be present at (6), 19 Glowing coal (5), 20 Finger band (4).

MONDAY PAGE

Slim-line salvation of a funny fat man

Sir Harry Secombe has lost pounds, years and his show business cynicism since he was given an ultimatum to diet or die. Now, Michael Freedland reports, he is healthier in mind as well as body — and he can see his feet



Born again: the Goon with 'more Chins than the Hong Kong telephone directory' now presents a religious television programme

Sir Harry Secombe is now living in what sportsmen might say was extra time. The two years which a doctor in Australia said were all he could expect if he didn't cut his weight were up exactly 12 months ago, and he regards every one of those extra months as a bonus. More important, he says, he has never felt happier or looked more healthy. Three extra years of life have had an astonishing effect on one of Britain's favourite entertainers.

It is not easy to imagine the difference that more than five stone — he used to weigh 19½ stone and now tips the scales at just over 14 — makes to a man, until you see him trying on one of his old jackets. "I've even most of them away, but there are not many people who want a suit like one of my old ones — unless they want to build a new tented city."

Replacing his wardrobe has cost him something like £2,000. "And for the first time in my life I'm wearing jeans. Can you imagine that? I've never been able to wear casual clothes in my life until now."

Or at least since his twenties when he first started getting fat. There are no euphemisms when he talks about his old bulk. "I was fat," he said, tapping his stomach under a smart sports jacket. Once he could no more have considered wearing such a jacket than he would have turned down half a dozen potatoes for dinner.

"Fat, I rationalized it all the time," he told me. "I used to say, 'It's hard fat, folks. Muscle'. It wasn't. It was fat."

He was, after all, the one who wrote pieces "in praise of fat" for the glossies. "But I was kidding myself, quoting Shakespeare's 'Let me have men about me who are fat'. They were just excuses. Now it's inconceivable how I had 72 pounds to lose. And I intend to lose another stone."

I wondered whether, when the doctor handed him his diet-or-die ultimatum in July, 1982, he echoed the words of comedian Jack Benny who, in a famous sketch, answered a threat of "Your money or your life" by saying "I'm thinking it over."

"No," said Harry. "I came away from that doctor. I went with my wife, Myra — shaking. I knew I had no choice. He frightened the life out of me and I said, 'Yes, yes, yes' straight away. After all, I was all those miles away in Australia at the time. The doctor was great, but you start thinking — and about all those comics who died in Australia. Hancock died there. And there were others."

"I was feeling faint. Within about two weeks, I was feeling better. My blood pressure was going down and I had the diabetic condition under control. That was discovered a couple of years before when I had an emergency operation for a perforated colon. Within four months, I couldn't get into any of my old clothes. I used to go to a sailmaker for my shirts. I had a 52-inch chest. Now it's 46. I've lost 10 inches off my waist."

Both family and friends worried about his when he announced that the diet was his life-style. "Myra was pleased I was doing what the doctor told me, but she and the others began to worry because I developed that gaunt look —

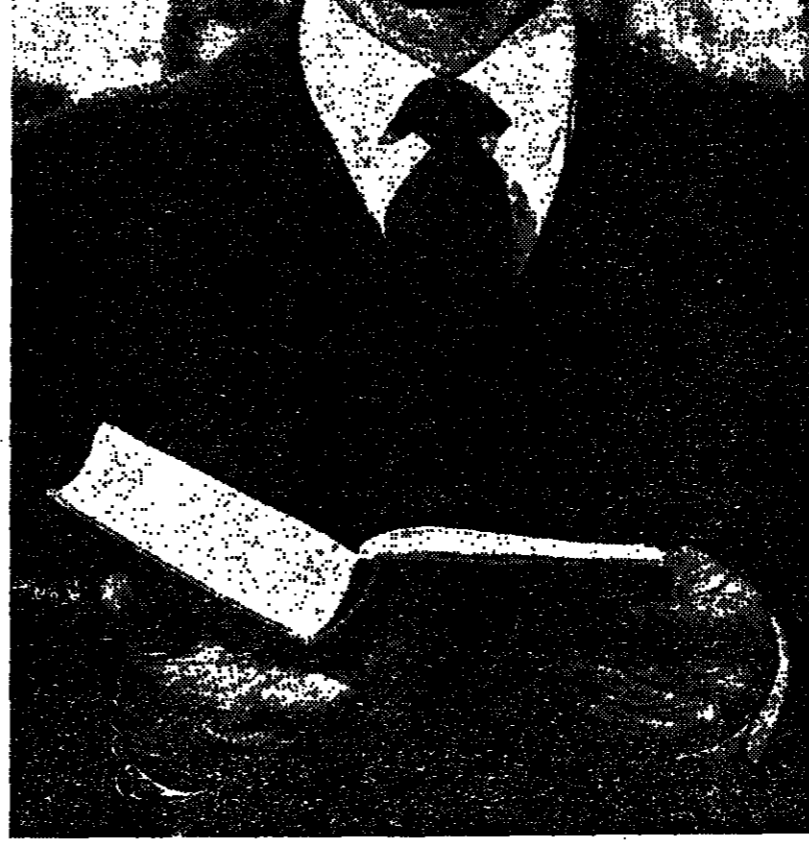
you know, you don't look well. But that's gone now. My fans were very worried, too. Now they write me letters asking how they can get their weight down. I answer them all. Of course, I do. I have to. I got a lot of nice letters of encouragement from people who say they're glad I've saved myself for another few years."

He did not go to Weightwatchers or any similar groups. "I decided that if it was going to be a lasting commitment, it had to be something I did on my own." He embarked on the diet with the same determination he had shown in the show business world. "I haven't had a drink now for three years. By now, I should be getting thirsty! But then by now I should have been in the crematorium, too, judging by what the doctor said. "I'll give you two years at the most" he told me."

Now he is determined not to waste the bonus years he has left. His Sunday evening television series *Highway* is so popular that it has now an estimated seven million viewers. He is getting to know various parts of the country, studying different religions and, most important, meeting the kind of people he would not have met before — such as the cantor of the Glasgow synagogue who was twice in Belsen and only escaped death by crawling out from a heaped mass of bodies.

"You know what a cynical lot we in show business are, particularly the comics..." At this point I said no one would think of bracketing Secombe with the cynics. But he is not sure he would have been able to do *Highway* had he not died with death.

"I've spoken to a number of people who have been in this position before and faced death through an unexpect-



ed illness. You start making a new assessment of your life. You wonder what you are looking for."

He agreed with what American actor Walter Matthau told me after he had a serious heart attack. "You realize that you are mortal. You can't say you can't go yet because you haven't finished."

"That's very well put. You can't say to God 'Come back tomorrow'. It's like being in the Army when you all consider yourselves inviolate. Then you see a blanket with a fellow's boots sticking out. When you see that they are the same as the boots you're wearing, it gets to you. Going along a motorway you see an accident, so you slow down — for a couple of miles. It's the 'It-can't-happen-to-me' syndrome."

He is certain that in the bonus years he will never forget the warning he had. "I don't take my health lightly and I'm not going to take it lightly in the future," he said. "I think about it whenever I go to hospital and see other people who are in the position that I could have been in."

Harry Secombe is very much a family man. When taking on commitments, he now considers what he should or should not do as much for his family's sake as for his own. His family is his greatest concern. That was why the marriage break-up of his daughter Jennifer was so painful to him — as was that of his vicar brother.

"Myra and I have just had our 37th wedding anniversary and we were so sorry that Jennifer, with three young children was so badly hurt. She was like one of the walking wounded, although the pieces are now put together again. It's something that Myra and I can't understand. It's unthinkable that we could ever be separated. It's so important, to have that strength behind us."

Certainly, it is a strength that helped him get over the trauma of losing those 72 pounds. "But I don't miss any of the things I used to eat or drink. I don't get heartburn any more. I know where I was the night before. I can find my way home on the bus! And I'm lucky to have been given this second chance."

"Obese persons usually put it all back on again within a year, but you've got to do it on a long-term basis and take it very seriously. Especially if you're a diabetic. They've made me president of the British Diabetic Association — I assume in the belief that if you're going to have a disease, make it work for you."

The most significant part of the new Secombe's life is that he is distinctly more comfortable. "Don't forget I hadn't seen my feet for years. I can run up the stairs now and do up my own shoelaces. Playing golf, I used to have to go there an hour earlier to put my shoes on."

"I couldn't cross my legs. All the joy I now have of crossing my legs was denied me. It's an Archangel's delight I have now. And my wife isn't going on at me."

"I'm selective in what I eat now. I don't have chips. I don't drink gallons

No sex please, we're French

In the minds of the British, France has long been associated with "naughty sex", or sex for sex's sake rather than "true love". It may come as something of a disappointment to some therefore to learn that "Love is back in fashion (in France)... The sex dictatorship is over!"

That is the view of the serious French political weekly, *Le Nouvel Observateur*, on the basis of the findings of a poll published last month. An astonishing 50 per cent of French women claim only to have made love with one man in their lives, while a mere 6 per cent profess to having had more than 10 lovers.

The number of men who have made love with only one woman is much smaller than that for women — 19 per cent. It is nevertheless surprising in this reputedly promiscuous age to find that more than half of French men have had sexual relations with fewer than six women in their lives, and only one in eight claims to have made love to more than 10.

Both sexes say they lay great store by fidelity, putting that at the top of their list of "most beautiful gestures of love", with kissing and cuddling second. The sexual act is relegated to fourth place by women, only 13 per cent considering that an important feature of love, while even with men it ranked only third.

Dr Pierre Simon, author of a report on French sexual behaviour, published in 1969 in the midst of the so-called sexual revolution, said it appeared from the poll as if the traditional values of love and fidelity were making a comeback. "We are seeing a resurgence of pre-war middle-class values," he said.

Other polls seem to support Dr Simon's view. One showed that a surprising 84 per cent of married French people claim to be still in love with their spouse, and say they would remarry the same person. Another indicated that two thirds of French women prefer getting to the sexual act and 36 per cent claim they could do without sexual intercourse altogether.

This might seem less surprising when one learns that, despite their ubiquitous bids, the French pay relatively little attention to personal hygiene. Indeed, a poll carried out for the French federation of cosmetic, perfume and hygiene industries shows, the French to be one of the most lax nations in Europe as far as their consumption of soap, toothpaste and deodorants is concerned.

The average French person uses just four bars of soap a year, half as much as the average Briton; three tubes of toothpaste, compared with five for the average Briton; and rather less than one container of deodorant. Although virtually all the French now live in homes with either a bath or a shower, as many as two thirds do not wash themselves thoroughly every day, and nearly one in five admits to not even washing properly once a week. More than half the French go to bed without brushing their teeth, and a fifth wear the same underwear for several days in succession. Perhaps it doesn't



and most of the people who were young at the time of the sexual revolution at the end of the 1960s are still only in their late thirties and early forties today.

Dr Simon's comments in *Le Nouvel Observateur* do not seem to apply to the younger age group, according to another poll in *Elle* magazine. Those show that three quarters of young people in France aged between 15 and 25 have made love at least once, and more than half made love for the first time before they were 19. More than two fifths had already had more than one sexual partner (5 per cent claimed to have made more than 10), while nearly half considered fidelity was not important for a satisfactory sex life.

Perhaps France hasn't changed so much after all, or perhaps it never was quite so "naughty" as it's made out to be.

Diana Geddes

Games all the family can play

Long before they could go out and buy the board game, people played Trivial Pursuit. Only it went by the name of social intercourse.

The sort of questions asked in Trivial Pursuit — "What is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?" "Where is Amundsen Scott Station?" — would form, on the cocktail circuit, an excellent basis for small-talk, being mindless, mildly interesting and quite unlikely to give offence. In fact, anyone who tends to be rather shy and ashamed at gatherings where one is supposed to be able to engage total strangers in animated conversations while balancing a paper plastic plate of Coronation chicken and a glass of Austrian wine should bone up first on the questions and answers displayed on a pack of Trivial Pursuit cards.

Since it has always been considered bad form to talk about oneself to anyone except one's personal analyst, and since it is rather dodgy to launch forth on subjects that call up strong emotions and possibly a kick in the teeth (Arthur Scargill, the Bishop of Durham and the growth of vegetarianism are sure-fire winners at causing veins to bulge in foreheads and necks to flush a creeping vermilion), skilled chit-chatters edge the talk firmly around to their own trivial pursuits.

Thus the man who asks you what you thought about this year's Wimbledon will soon reveal himself to be an expert on the career of Fred Perry, and the woman who wonders whether you can detect a trace of walnut oil in the mayonnaise will know more than you wish to hear about virgin pressings.

Sometimes, trying to triumph through trivia means. I have a friend who is no mean film-buff (Who wrote the score for *On the Waterfront*? Who did the screenplay for *The Great Waldo Pepper*?). She is also terrified of encroaching old age and



PENNY PERRICK

keeps her passport under her pillow so nobody can check up on whether she's older than her admitted 37½. This leads to upsetting times when she comes across fellow film-lovers. "Who designed Jean Harlow's dresses in *Dinner at Eight*? Who played the bad girl in *The Women*?" they ask her. And although she knows perfectly well, she has to stalk off with a haughty "I'm afraid I wasn't around at the time!"

Two million boxes of Trivial Pursuit are expected to be sold this year and I bet most of them will be unpacked at Christmas. Bring out the board game and, with luck, there won't be any time left for that other much-loved pastime called Family

The alimony drone

From Mr R. Taylor, *Allfarthing Lane, London*

With an ex-wife and two children in her custody to support, I felt the article by Heather Kirby ("Divorce: for better or worse", July 10) the last straw as far as my interpretation of the present laws is concerned.

"There is no such thing as a one-parent family. In most cases there is a father who does not support his child or a woman who decides that she would prefer to get money from the state rather than accept the responsibility of dealing with the father."

It surely cannot be right for a woman to refuse to name a child's father and at the same time expect the Government — the taxpayer, that is — to pay for the child's upkeep. It might conceivably reduce the divorce and illegitimacy figures if it were less easy to get someone else to pay for your freedom from responsibility. If the right person paid for a child's upkeep, it might well enable the government, of whatever hue, to give more money to the health service, old people, the mentally handicapped, and so on. Where are our priorities if we allow parents to abdicate their responsibilities so easily?

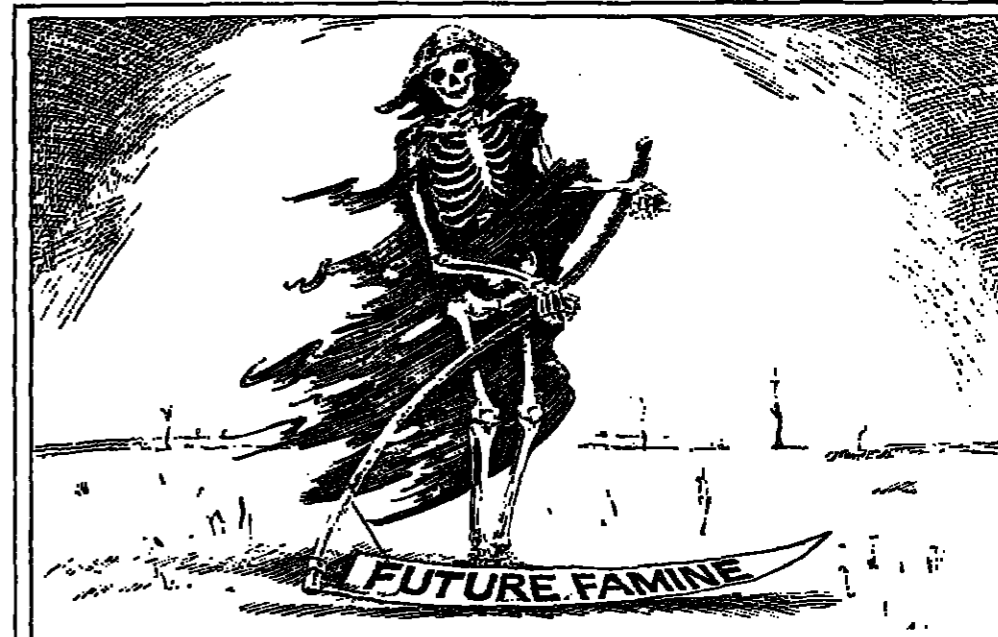
It is a father's responsibility to support his children until they can support themselves. To pay the maintenance for my ex-wife and two boys I worked ten hours a day and four a night (seven nights a week) plus Saturday and Sunday afternoons. If I could do this for ten years, so can another man. I would support any law to make this a fact.

It seems to me that in this discussion the people who matter most receive the least consideration. A child needs two parents. There are few cases to my knowledge where the father does not want to keep in close touch with his children, and in my own case I have proved that, in spite of intense

Who's afraid of the big bad Rambo?

We are advised to be prepared for *Rambomania*, after the film *Rambo*, starring Sylvester Stallone, comes to Britain next month. *Rambo* is meant to signify the end of the wimp or *New Man*, as he is more politely called. *Stallone* sports pectorals like burnished leather and goes it alone in the jungle of Vietnam.

But *Rambo*/*Stallone* doesn't frighten me. I once observed to a co-star of *Stallone*'s in *Escape to Victory*, that the film lost credibility for me when our hero, in the role of a prisoner of a war, was seen tunnelling through walls in a spotless, Persil-white singlet. The co-star sighed. "That's *Stallone*, I'm afraid. He just couldn't bear to be seen in a grubby vest." A man who takes such a keen interest in his laundry can't possibly pose a threat.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain at the Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attended the Queen Mother's Cup at the Royal Ascot, Ascot, Berkshire.

MARRIAGES
Mr P. G. F. Preston and the Hon Judith Briggs
The marriage took place on Saturday in Worcester College Chapel, Oxford, of Mr Philip Preston, only son of Mr and Mrs P. G. F. Preston, of Folkestone, Kent, and the Hon Judith Briggs, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Briggs, of Lewes, Sussex.

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Weaving together threads of faith

An international symposium of Jesuit scholars has just spent the better part of a week in Oxford, reviewing the present state of the church unity movement. For all their learning and world-wide experience, they found it exceedingly complicated. Yet the two documents on which they concentrated, the Anglican-Roman Catholic "Final Report" and the World Council of Churches' "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry", have been set down for discussion by local study groups at the churches' grass roots.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: D N Rawlins, MOD (London), in command of HMS "Plymouth" (L10) at Plymouth, Devon, from July 22 to August 1, 1985. D N Rawlins, MOD (London), in command of HMS "Plymouth" (L10) at Plymouth, Devon, from July 22 to August 1, 1985.

Management Consultants Association

Mr Len Brooks, chairman, Mr John Lidstone, vice-chairman and council members of the Management Consultants Association were hosts at a luncheon given for Sir John Hoskyns, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, at the Stafford Hotel on Friday, July 19.

Garden party

Mrs F. J. Cogan
The High Sheriff of Hertfordshire was present at a garden party given on Saturday at the County Hall, Hertford, by the Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council and Mrs Frank Cogan.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Caunt was christened Arabella Sophia Louisa at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, EC4A, yesterday by Canon John Oates.

Latest wills

The Hon Mrs Bryan Burns, of Mayfair, London, the social hostess, left estate valued at £2,224,777 net. She left £265,000 and other bequests.

Church news

The Rev G. Hamblin, Rector of St Andrew's Church, Cambridge, has been elected to the post of Rector of St Andrew's Church, Cambridge, for the year 1985-86.

Science report

Weed extract tested as malaria cure

A chemical extract from a plant that is similar to the herb parrotilla and is known as Artemisia annua, or western wormwood, can provide an effective treatment for cases of malaria in which there is resistance to the traditional drug based on quinine. The new substance was isolated by scientists in China.

MR DORIAN WILLIAMS
The voice of show jumping

Mr Dorian Williams, OBE, who died yesterday at his home, Foscoote Manor, in Buckinghamshire yesterday after a short illness at the age of 71, will be widely remembered among the large audiences who heard them on his show-jumping broadcasts for BBC television over a period of thirty years.

As the BBC's Equestrian Commentator from 1951 to 1980 he was able to do perhaps more than any other single individual not merely to make the sport of show jumping interesting to people who had never previously considered giving it their attention, but to bring the equestrian world into the home, and to make it seem less the preserve of a privileged caste.

His other consuming interest was education and since 1945 he had been Director of the Pendley Centre of Adult Education which he established at his home.

He was in addition one of the best known Masters of Fox Hounds of his day. Dorian Joseph George Williams was born on July 1, 1914, the son of Colonel V. D. S. Williams, a cavalry officer and pioneer of the popularity of dressage in this country.

His own ambitions to go on the stage were however cut across when he inherited the preparatory school Hawtreys from another great uncle, Edward Hawtreys in 1936.

After the war Williams turned his family home, Pendley Manor in Hertfordshire, into a centre for adult education and as its director was closely concerned with the syllabus, organising courses on subjects ranging from industrial welfare through bird-watching and music, to the breeding of hounds.

In spite of these activities however the passionate equestrian in him was not to be kept down. He wrote about horses as a journalist and his weekly articles which appeared in Horse and Hound, under the pseudonym 'Loriner', did a great deal to dispel much wrong thinking relating to hunting riding and horses generally.

He was appointed OBE in 1977. A kindly and sensitive man with a genuine love of the horses whose lot he strove to improve, he was a delightful host and companion who found his friends in all walks of life. He judged hunters at all the leading shows and despite a series of bad falls from his hunting fire he was as happy on the back of a good horse.

Dorian Williams was twice married, first in 1938 to the Hon Moyra Lubbock. This marriage was dissolved in 1946 and he married in 1956 Jennifer Neale. They had a son and a daughter.

MR RUBEN GEORGE HEFFER

Mr Ruben George Heffer, former chairman of Heffers, died on July 17 at his home in Cambridge. He was 77. Born in 1908, he was the grandson of the William Heffer who founded the family book-selling, and publishing firm in 1876.

He was equally active in national book-selling and publishing trades, where he was well-known and liked. By both town and firm, he was equally highly thought of, for his ready accessibility, his equanimity, and his personal concern for his staff, and all whom he encountered. Spending a great amount of his time on the "shop floor", he was always ready to help an informed gossip with any member of the university.

DR SUSAN deGRAFT-JOHNSON

A correspondent writes: Dr Susan deGraft-Johnson, who died in London on July 1, aged 68, was the first Ghanaian woman to qualify as a doctor. Born at the Palace at Kyebi, she was the daughter of Sir Nana Ofori Atta I, KBE, Ombanene of Akim Abakwa district, and Madam Agnes Akosua Doudou.

Susan was first educated at the St Mary's convent in Cape Coast where she became a Roman Catholic, but thence she went to Achimota school in Accra, Gold Coast. She was subsequently sent to Britain, where she was working as a staff nurse in Edinburgh when the Second World War broke out.

Susan undertook the ten months of study necessary to gain entry into the Edinburgh University Medical School and a further six years of hard work to gain the MB and ChB degree in 1947. She returned to practise in the Gold Coast in 1950, and was in due course appointed Medical Officer in Charge at the Kumasi Hospital in Ashanti.

Appalled by the high infant mortality rate - "one struggled to save mother and child, then the child would die all of a sudden, because no one knew enough then to save it" - she returned to England to Great Ormond Street to undertake a diploma in child health. Subsequently, she took charge of the Princess Marie Louise Hospital for children in Accra.

She became widely known as the children's doctor. Her preoccupation with child health led her to pioneer a research into "Kwashiorkor" and Burkitt's Tumour. Nothing was too much trouble, no time of the day or night too awkward for her if a child was sick. For these, she obtained international acclaim.

Finally, Susan founded her own clinic, known as Accra Clinic, where she practised tirelessly until forced by ill health to seek medical treatment in London in 1980. She was married in 1961 to Dr. F. V. C. deGraft-Johnson, a prominent Ghanaian barrister and politician, who survives her with daughter.

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Science report
Weed extract tested as malaria cure
By Pearce Wright, Science Editor
anti-malarials cannot be over-emphasized. Yet the medicinal use of the plant from China for malarial fevers can be traced back 2,000 years. It is only recently that Chinese chemists isolated from the leafy portion of the plant the substance responsible for its reputed medicinal properties.

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THE ARTS

Opera: Noël Goodwin reports on Covent Garden's visit to Athens

Tippett's 'unknown soldier' finds his true home

Sir Michael Tippett must secretly have had somewhere like the Odeon of Herod Atticus in Athens in mind when he composed King Priam...

"We live in that world again, but now we have no heroes. The Unknown Soldier is what I have to sing about, a view of antiquity from the standpoint of today, not the story of the Iliad but one that might have come from within it, and told from the 'other' side, the Trojan side."

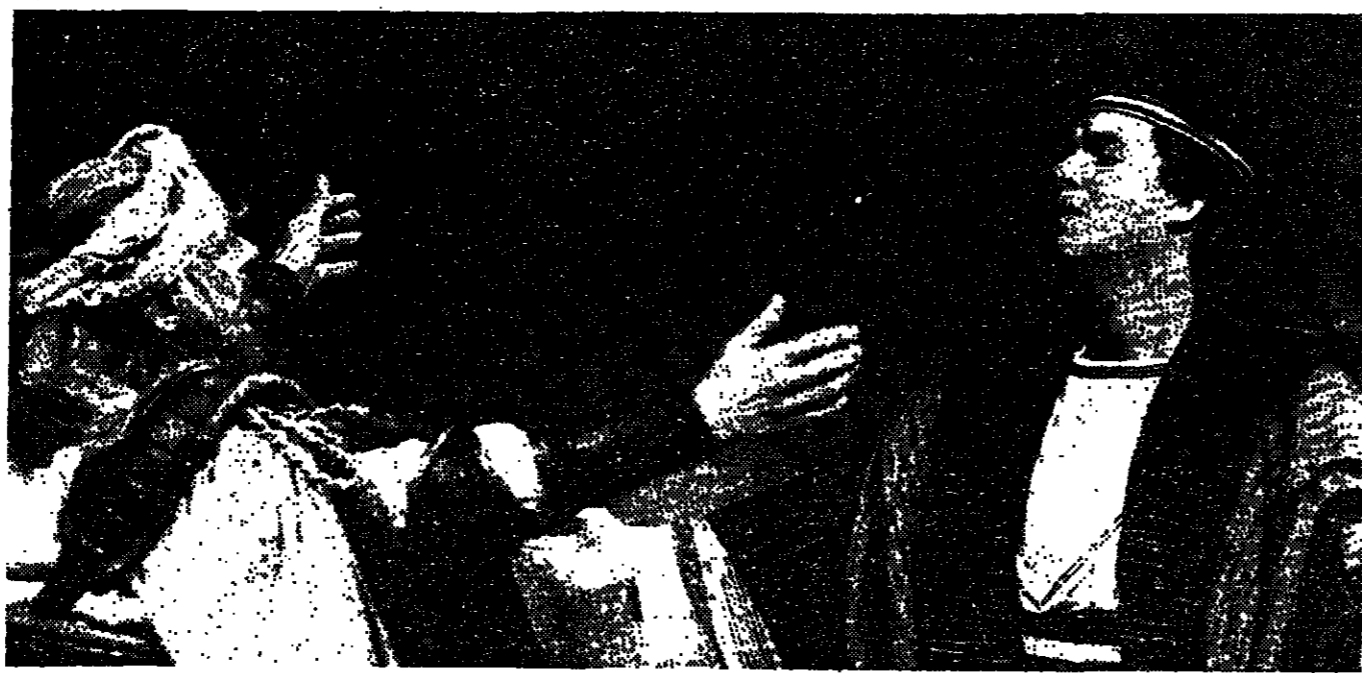
Sir Thomas Beecham, and Mr Peter Naylor, the British Council's representative in Athens (whose duties include the administering of English examinations to some 37,000 Greek students this year alone)...

singers and instruments by the natural ambience which, on its own, looks so unpromising for music. The singers spoke of difficulty in hearing themselves and each other on the wide, shallow stage...

production, arrived on the day of the performance to replace an indisposed Robin Leggate. He earned his special applause from the audience which, though fewer than for Verdi, gave King Priam serious attention...

Idomeneo Glyndebourne

By some strange appropriation of the King of Crete's hubris, Glyndebourne has over the years made Mozart's erstwhile problematic opera seria Idomeneo entirely its own. Here it was in 1950 that the work received its first professional English stage performance...



Near-Shakespearean depth: Philip Langridge (left) as Idomeneo with John Aler's Idamante

sense of constant dramatic recharging unique to this score are revealed no less potently than Nunn's acute perception of them. Nunn, for instance, will have his characters stand motionless, their responses contained in voice and posture...

barometer of the evening's intensity; the hum of the accompanying strings in its corresponding number in Act III sets up a frisson of recall and anticipation.

violin solo in "Non temer" to surface just as Idamante's knee touches the ground. In all these ways, an extraordinary tension between states of awareness is set up within and between each character and its audience...

kespearian depth by Philip Langridge, returning to the role. Leontes, Lear, even Prospero seem to be Langridge's models as he incarnates in his voice the progressive weakness, terror, rage, spiritual disintegration and rebuilding which he expresses in his entire body.

Theatre Activist argument

The Price of Experience

Traverse, Edinburgh

The question of violence in movements for racial equality, the conflict between activism and argument as means to the end - these are clearly vital issues today that escape neat answers, and they form the basis of Ken Ross's new play.

Life is not that tidy and, for all her good intentions, there is much in Shirley that sees her cases as personal challenge, testing her sharp logic by playing the law game at its hardest and fastest.

BBCSO/Pritchard

Albert Hall/Radio 3/BBC 2

One of the great ironies in the history of music is that Handel, the prodigious borrower and polisher of lesser composers' music, should have suffered the indignity of having his own most celebrated work polished, and its orchestral textures refurbished according to the tastes of another age, by Mozart.

Promenade Concerts

should have been "proper" Handel rather than a hackwork arrangement, no matter how distinguished the hack. On the other hand, Mozart's added wind parts are so felicitously conceived, and seem to echo Handel's meaning so slyly, that they deserve playing on big occasions such as this.

Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner

St Luke's, Chelsea/Radio 3

One intermittently had the impression in this late-night Prom that John Eliot Gardiner was using Domenico Scarlatti's magnificent 10-part Stabat Mater as a showpiece for the Monteverdi Choir.

Richard Morrison

"Inflammatu et accensus" and the beautiful "Sancta Mater" section, delivered sonorously by all 30 voices. Such a passage, a succession of rising sixths piling up to produce an ecstatic sequence of dissonance and resolution, makes one wish that the young Domenico had stayed with choral music...

Royal Opera House ANNOUNCEMENT

SWAN LAKE PERFORMANCES

The Management of the Royal Opera House very much regrets that because of industrial action by members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance it was not possible at the time of going to press to confirm whether the performances of Swan Lake by The Royal Ballet will take place on July 22 & 23.

COE/Accardo

Albert Hall/Radio 3

European Music Year has brought the Chamber Orchestra of Europe to the Proms. They have been on the road for at least two months now: in May they played with Salvatore Accardo in Naples, and on Saturday night they made another rendezvous with him in what was his first Prom as conductor-soloist.

Hilary Finch

nated only pately the diversification of the central movement. Before the interval, Accardo's miniaturist approach had worked both for better and for worse. The first sounds of the evening came into existence barely perceptibly: the Prelude of Ravelli's La Torre de Suavia...

Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner

St Luke's, Chelsea/Radio 3

It must be said, however, that his singers are well worth showing off. So sensitive to balance and blend, so responsive to Gardiner's sophisticated expressive demands, they almost made one forget - as they attacked Scarlatti's fugues with brilliant staccato clarity and at jubilant speeds - that they were singing about a mother watching her son die in agony.

Richard Morrison

solos lifted the songs, developing themes but never quite concluding them, leaving space for Berg or Schofield to pick up the baton and run for home. Looking like a down-at-heel college professor, Scofield's contribution was electrifying throughout, particularly on "Hopscotch" and his own composition, "You're Under Arrest".



Land: Martyn Fleming, Janette Mulligan

Festival Ballet Coliseum

Christopher Bruce's new ballet Land made a strong contrast to the rest of London Festival Ballet's programme in which it had its premiere on Friday, so it was gratifying to see how an audience attracted mostly by virtuosity and theatrical razzle-dazzle responded to its dark drama.

Dance

Schaufuss as Festival's director, and a very impressive one. The programme also included the company's first London performances of Bejart's two-man ballet to Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer. This has a dark subject, too, but is made for star performances so that you remember the playing more than the theme.

Loneliness is just one problem. And it is a fairly common problem for seafarers away from home for months at a time. But it is only one of the troubles that people bring to us. As a Christian society working among seafarers we are asked for all kinds of help - spiritual, emotional, social and practical. And we are there, ready to give all the help we can, in all parts of the world.

Jazz Miles Davis Festival Hall. Drawing the curtain on this year's JVC/Capitol Radio Festival, Miles Davis was on buoyant and industrious form. Now in the twilight of an illustrious career as leading light in the bebop and West Coast "cool" schools of jazz, and the most prominent architect of jazz-rock fusion, the unpredictable 59-year-old Davis nevertheless betrayed no lack of inspiration or stamina.

Richard Morrison. On numbers such as "One Phone Call", Davis's plangent trumpet, played with the distinctive minimum of vibrato, stabbed the air with rich staccato phrases. His keening keeper role and with Darryl Jones on bass and Steve Thornton on percussion laid down a steady rhythmic foundation, mostly in straight four-time with a steady back beat.

CHRISTIE'S LONDON. Who can tell your Kunimasa print from a Kunisada? Kunimasa, oban size - the actor Sawamura Sojuro III in the role Taira no Kiyomori. Sold at Christie's for £14,040. Christie's can. Please contact Peter Bufton, William Tilley or Michiko McIver in the Japanese Department. Closing date for entries in our next series of Japanese Works of Art sales is 15 September. 8 King Street, St. James's, London SW1Y 6QT. Tel: (01) 839 9060 Telex: 916429

College on the hill with a worldwide reputation

The University College of North Wales at Bangor has undergone a radical transformation during the past five years - from an institution which kept the outside world at an academically respectable distance, to the "open door university" which thrives on contact with industry and commerce.

While Bangor, a constituent college of the University of Wales, has retained and enhanced its reputation as a small centre of specialized excellence, it has also sought to enrich its academic philosophy with pragmatism.

The change has been forced on the college to some extent by the pressure of economic stringency and government cuts. But its new futuristic approach has also flowed ironically from the process of looking back on its 100-year history.

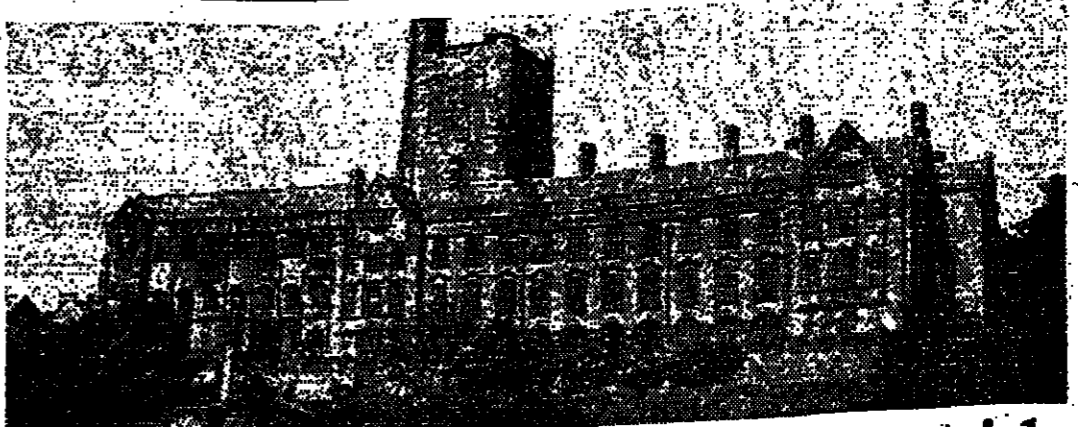
"The act of celebrating our centenary has enabled us to concentrate on the strengths of the college and attempt to fortify and extend them," says Professor Eric Sunderland, former pro vice chancellor at the University of Durham and the new principal at UCNW. To this end, the college with its 2,500 students, 28 academic departments and 300 teaching staff has set up a charitable trust to act as an independent source of funds for specific projects and research.

Launched last autumn with a procession through the town and continuing this year with lectures, concerts and exhibitions, the appeal has already raised £850,000 towards its target of £1 million by mid-October. Professor Sunderland envisages that the trust will become a permanent feature and remain an important catalyst to activity at Bangor.

The trust and its committee, drawn from both inside and outside the college, will also be a crucial medium by which the



The Prince of Wales presents an honorary degree to Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC; and, top, the main building. Right, the college crest which says in Welsh: The highest gift is the gift of understanding



In line for Live Aid to help Ethiopia

One of the first recipients of research funding from Live Aid, which raised nearly £50 million from a global rock concert a week ago, could be the Centre for Arid Zone Studies at University College of North Wales. The charity organization intends to spend most of its cash in the disaster areas of Ethiopia, but it has told the college that the centre seems to carry out exactly the kind of long-term research it would like to support.

Scientists under the direction of Professor Wyn Jones are developing ways of avoiding the sort of catastrophe that has afflicted the African country.

The aim of the centre, a unique unit at a British university, is to promote agricultural and forestry development in the Third World as a whole and to improve the allocation and management of resources.

Says Professor Jones: "Obviously we would be delighted if Live Aid chose us. It could make considerable difference to the scope and intensity of our work."

Professor Jones's unit draws on a range of specialist knowledge, based on the college's School of Agriculture, Forestry and Allied Sciences and the nearby Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, a branch of the Natural Environment Research Council. The group has already attracted support from Shaikh Yamani of Saudi Arabia, who has endowed two annual fellowships and who has strong links with the college.

Robertson Research, of Llandudno, which specializes in geological exploration and environmental problems, has also funded a fellowship.

Among the centre's current projects are:

- The conversion of brackish waters in Kuwait and Morocco into a useable resource;
- Assisting and advising officials who are setting up three experimental farms in Baluchistan;
- The study of "desertification" in Upper Volta and other countries of the Sahel;
- A collaborative project with the Arab Centre for the Study of Arid Zones and Dry Lands to improve the Awassi breed of sheep;
- A bilateral link with the University of Agriculture at Faisalabad in Pakistan to develop salt tolerance in wheat. The work also includes collaboration with the International Wheat and Maize Breeding Centre in Mexico;
- A project with Zagazig University in Egypt on sheep breeding and the utilization of local forages in cattle diets;
- The study of migration patterns of the armyworm, a serious pest in East Africa.

The international reputation built up by Bangor draws on contracts and research grants from all over the world. The centre also acts as a sub-contractor, consultant and adviser to governments, non-profit-making agencies and commercial companies. Researchers undertake on a commercial basis such projects as the analysis of soils, plants and water.

Masters courses in related subjects such as environmental management, crop protection and world animal production are also offered by the centre.

Work at the college in this vital area started with bequests from Sir William Roberts, a native of Anglesey who served in the Indian Agricultural Service and in 1916 was appointed the first principal of the Punjab Agricultural College in Faisalabad (Lyallpur).

The research unit has grown out of Sir William's historical associations with the Indian sub-continent and forms the only such group in Britain.

development of systems in research and industry.

Another beneficiary of the trust will be the Unit for Medically-Related Research which has three main areas of endeavour: medical instrumentation; the education of dyslexic children; and the behavioural problems of the mentally-handicapped.

An unusual feature of the college is its work in forestry. The Forest Products Research Technology Unit aims to coordinate and to extend research which will contribute to the future development of forestry-related industry.

The college has established a worldwide reputation in oceanography and marine science, a status which the University Grants Committee recognized recently by selecting Bangor as one of two college departments in Britain to which it has awarded further funds.

It is a rare marine consultancy which has not had some contract with UCNW and many are staffed with Bangor alumni.

Bangor also boasts the highest concentration of biologists in Britain whose specialist areas include plant biology, biochemistry, agriculture forestry and wood science.

The college has 25 fellows of the Royal Society - one of the highest per capita of any British university and a testimony to its

academic standing. It is now trying to translate this reputation into stronger links with the outside world. "Bangor is not at the centre of industrial development and communications are obviously a problem," says Mr Jones, "but it means we have to try harder to get our message over."

"A company in South Wales or London is not automatically going to look to Bangor. It is our job to convince them that the institution is moving forward and can offer them a lot."

Professor Lancaster is anxious to preserve the "unique balance" between the college's burgeoning image as a dynamic, forward looking organization,

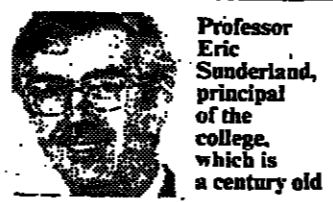
people have given us a tremendous amount of support. We have to reconcile this, however, with the college's academic activity and its reputation of producing people of the utmost distinction in a number of fields.

Bangor's roots in the culture of Wales can be seen in its widely respected Welsh department, its strong and growing education courses and its music faculty. Professor William Mathias, the head of the music faculty, composed the music for the royal wedding.

Joint projects with the local community are considered essential. Examples include the Theatr Gwynedd, the Museum of Welsh Antiquities, an art gallery and sports hall.

Bangor was born out of a regional campaign in the late 19th century for better higher education. In 1880-81, a committee set up by Gladstone's government agreed that a college of university rank should be established in both North and South Wales. Bangor eventually won the fight and the institution was set up with the aid of public subscription including a significant contribution from local quarrymen.

Its location is also an abiding influence on the college's character. While it has meant a degree of isolation in the past, it has also afforded the institution



Professor Eric Sunderland, principal of the college, which is a century old and its heritage as an essentially Welsh institution fostered by an area with strong links with the past.

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Ships that launch a thousand theories

The humble prawn is a creature with exclusive gastronomic tastes. For years scientists with an eye to domesticating and farming the crustacean found it impossible to concoct a food to please its palate.

Then Dr David Jones of the University College of North Wales took a hand and developed a capsule of such deliciousness that no prawn was able to resist it.

The confectionary manufacturers Mars pounced on the idea and sent Dr Jones to the Philippines where they are setting up a factory to mass produce the food. The beauty of these capsules is that no other creatures can stand them, so that prawn farms will not attract any unwanted and possibly inedible marine intruders.

The capsules were the product of the college's marine biology and oceanography department which has a worldwide reputation and was recently selected as one of two university departments in the field to receive extra cash. The fresh

investment will mean more staff and an increased number of post-graduate students.

The department at Bangor is one of the few that can claim to own its own ships: one an ocean-going vessel and the other a boat for inshore research. The principal vessel, the Prince Madog, is a multi-purpose stern trawler-type 29 metres long. The 600 horse power steel-hulled boat has on board three laboratories.

The vessel accommodates up to six scientists, mainly on week-long cruises in the Irish Sea, but voyages are also undertaken to various parts of the continental margin of the eastern North Atlantic. If the ship is taken out for one day, classes of up to 18 can be carried.

The smaller vessel, the Lewis Morris, is a 14 metre long trawler/workboat which normally operates on day voyages collecting biological material or serving as a research boat for in-shore studies. Professor John Simpson, a

specialist in physical oceanography, believes the vessels are essential to research. "I spend at least two months a year at sea. It is impossible to study oceanography properly unless one spends a good proportion of one's time on the ocean," he said.

The college is now concentrating on the study of continental shelf areas where some years ago it discovered an important principle. Certain areas of the sea were found to be stratified by temperature with deep water colder than that near the surface, while other areas were found to have no temperature variation.

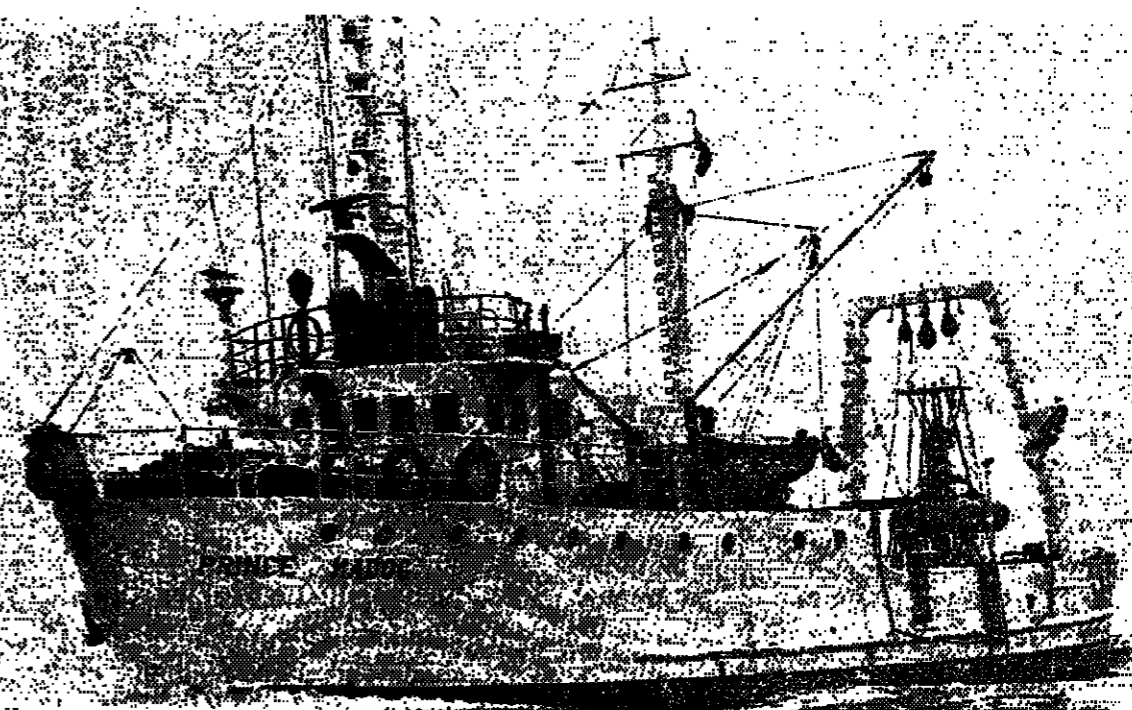
Researchers also discovered that the boundaries between these different sectors of the sea were virtually static and more importantly for commercial fisheries they found that plankton, "the grass of the sea", grows in much greater abundance along these "interface" areas. And where there is plankton there is fish.

exercising the minds of the experts is satellite photography which is capable of showing different bands of colour in the ocean corresponding to the amount of plankton, chlorophyll and growth activity present. "There is a whole growth industry in oceanography based on this approach," says Professor Simpson.

The department has considerable contact with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries laboratory at Lowestoft particularly in research on the Scottish coastal current. Professor Simpson and his team consider that effluent from the Sellafield nuclear complex is swept up the Scottish coast and round into the North Sea.

A lot of work had been carried out for local authorities and water boards and private companies on the location of coastal discharges and water intakes.

Some of the research is carried out in conjunction with consultancies, many of which are staffed by former Bangor students.



Sea hunt: The college's marine biology and oceanography department uses this multi-purpose, trawler-type vessel for offshore research. A smaller vessel is used for in-shore work

The school of Electronic Engineering Science at the University of North Wales is a sign that the university has invested in the future. It is also the first such department to be set up at a British university.

And no more significant indication of its reputation is the recent decision by the University Grants Committee to increase the number of undergraduates in the department by 75 over three years to expand the new micro-electronics and computer engineering course.

This basic function of teaching the technologists of the future is combined with strong contacts with the business world through its own limited company, Industrial Development, Bangor. It is a dual role

Creative company on campus

which Professor Robert Paul, who holds the chair in electronic engineering, sees as vital to the effectiveness of his department.

The purpose of the company is to form an interface between industry and academia. When you're teaching an applied science like engineering, you must make sure that it is topical. It would be easy to fall into the trap of teaching old technology.

The company was formed just over 18 years ago as an

enterprise which did not necessarily strive to make a profit or compete with other firms, but which had to pay its way and act as a spur to activity in the school. It was set up to develop new electronic products and act as a consultancy and training agency for industry.

It employs the equivalent of 14 staff and has to pay UCNW for the use of the building, heating, telephones, workshop facilities and financial assistance. Profitability varies, but turnover last year topped £360,000 and is expected to accelerate to £500,000 this year.

The company wholly owned by the college and has a board of directors like any commercial firm. "We have to find salaries every month and pay our way. The constraints are good for us because they ensure that we operate in a professional way," says Professor Paul.

One of the company's success stories is the "in-car" radio aerial which Ford has incorporated in its Orion and new Granada models and which it hopes to include in all its cars after 1988.

The school has also developed a special "gun" called a Zerostat which cleans gramophone records by using a tiny electrical charge. More than a million have been made with a current production rate of tens of thousands a week.

Researchers also devise specialist industrial products such as the profilometer which automatically maintains rollers in steel mills and which has registered sales worth £340,000. Formerly the rollers, which flatten hot steel to the required thickness, had to be taken out of production for long periods so that they could be re-shaped. Now the process can be performed quickly by an unskilled operator. Nineteen have been sold throughout Britain and Europe.

Thermal therapy equipment for the treatment of tumours has so far grossed £360,000. It has been bought by hospitals in Britain, Europe and the United States and navigation aids made for Racal-Decca have achieved sales of about £250,000.

But the biggest commercial

success has been a range of instruments for measuring static electricity. Of particular benefit is the type used on oil tankers where there is a constant risk of explosion. Sales of the equipment have exceeded £1.25 million.

Professor Paul says: "We hope to be regarded as dynamic and enthusiastic academics with a real interest in the practical applications of technological developments. Our company is in the business of producing small-scale, high-quality and high-precision equipment."

The college is about to appoint a new managing director of the company with a wealth of experience in the electronics industry. Senior academics believe the new hand at the tiller will give added impetus to the firm's performance and provide additional links with the business world.

The establishment of a fully-integrated four-year English Masters course - one of the first in Britain in collaboration with GEC-Marconi Electronics and Ferranti Computer Systems is a measure of the school's existing links with the private sector.

The M Eng course and the microelectronics and computer engineering course will also make full use of a new computer-aided design facility through laboratory and project experience.

Related research is under way into computer-aided design of microwave integrated circuits and control systems, computer modelling of medical treatments, marine technology, robotics, actuators and the design and control of instrumentation.

The college is hoping to enhance its contact with Welsh industry through A. B. Electronics, based in South Wales, and through "sales missions" to the neighbouring county of Clwyd with its greater concentration of electronics and high technology companies such as British Aerospace and Pilkington.

But all this is not at the expense of teaching. There are five undergraduate courses: electronic engineering, power electronics, and three separate courses which combine electronics with mathematics, physics and oceanography. The intake is between 75 and 80 students a year, with 10 postgraduates and three post-doctorates.

Banking under the microscope

University college has a worldwide reputation for its research into banking and financial institutions. In 1973 just as Britain was joining the EEC, the college founded its Institute of European Finance to provide a focus for its specialized activity.

Since then the work of the institute and its associated economics department has mushroomed with the help of grants from the Bank of England, the British Insurance Association and the London clearing banks. National Westminster is about to announce the sponsorship of students starting in 1986-87.

Professor Jack Revell, director of the institute, also believes the expansion has been the result of increasingly business-like approach.

While the college provides accommodation, light, heating and general services, the institute has to find all the money for its research and secretarial staff. It comes partly from research grants, but increasingly it has flowed from consultancy fees and other

services it provides for financial community. Researchers in the institute at a touch of a button wherever have conducted more than 30 they are.

The primary need now of the institute is to appoint a full-time director who will preside over OECD, European banks, the Committee of London Clearing work.

Bankers, the Treasury and the Office of Fair Trading, and the Social Science Research Council.

The institute's information centre is taking up an increasing proportion of the organization's activity, according to Dr Ted Gardener, deputy director of the institute.

This intelligence unit contains such data as accounts of banks and insurance companies, research reports and bibliographies, all of which is saleable information.

Like all other departments at Bangor with contact with the world of business, the institute had had to cope with being "at the end of the railway tracks" as Dr Gardener, put it.

But there are advantages. There is never any difficulty in luring experts in the field to go to Bangor to lecture, and there is also considerable advantage in stepping outside the world of the City in order to obtain an objective view of it.

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Radio to frustrate vandals

On the new Ford Orion and Granada there is one piece of equipment conspicuous by its absence: a radio aerial. Electronic engineers at the University College of North Wales developed a special "in-car" system for picking up radio signals using the heating elements on the rear window, and sold the idea to Ford.

The device is just one of the products with which the college's electronics department is associated and is symptomatic of Bangor's increasing links with manufacturers.

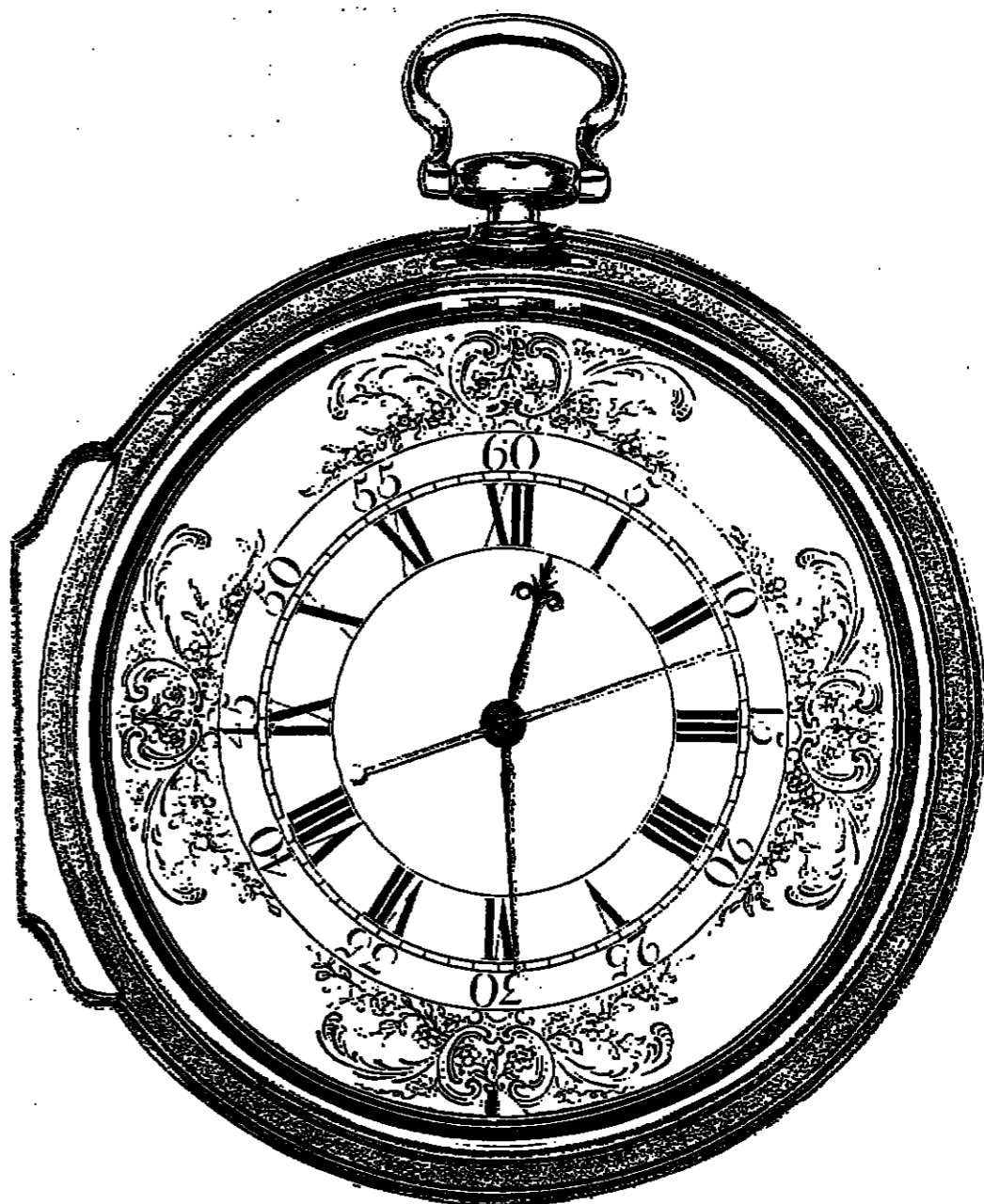
The original idea came from Manchester inventor Jack Kropielnicki who discovered a way of separating the weak radio signals received on a rear window heater from the powerful heating currents.

Mr Kropielnicki formed his own company, BSH Electronics, to develop the idea, and contacted Dr David Last and Brian Easter of UCNW's School of Electronic Engineering Science for help in designing a unit which could receive medium-wave, long-wave and VHF signals efficiently.

The inventor worked in conjunction with the college's own company, Industrial Development Bangor, to produce a prototype which impressed Ford and is due to be included on all their models from 1988 onwards. Other car manufacturers have shown interest.

Dr Last points out that the device reduces wind drag on vehicles thereby lowering petrol consumption, eradicates a potentially lethal projection from the car and cuts out the risk of damage by vandals.

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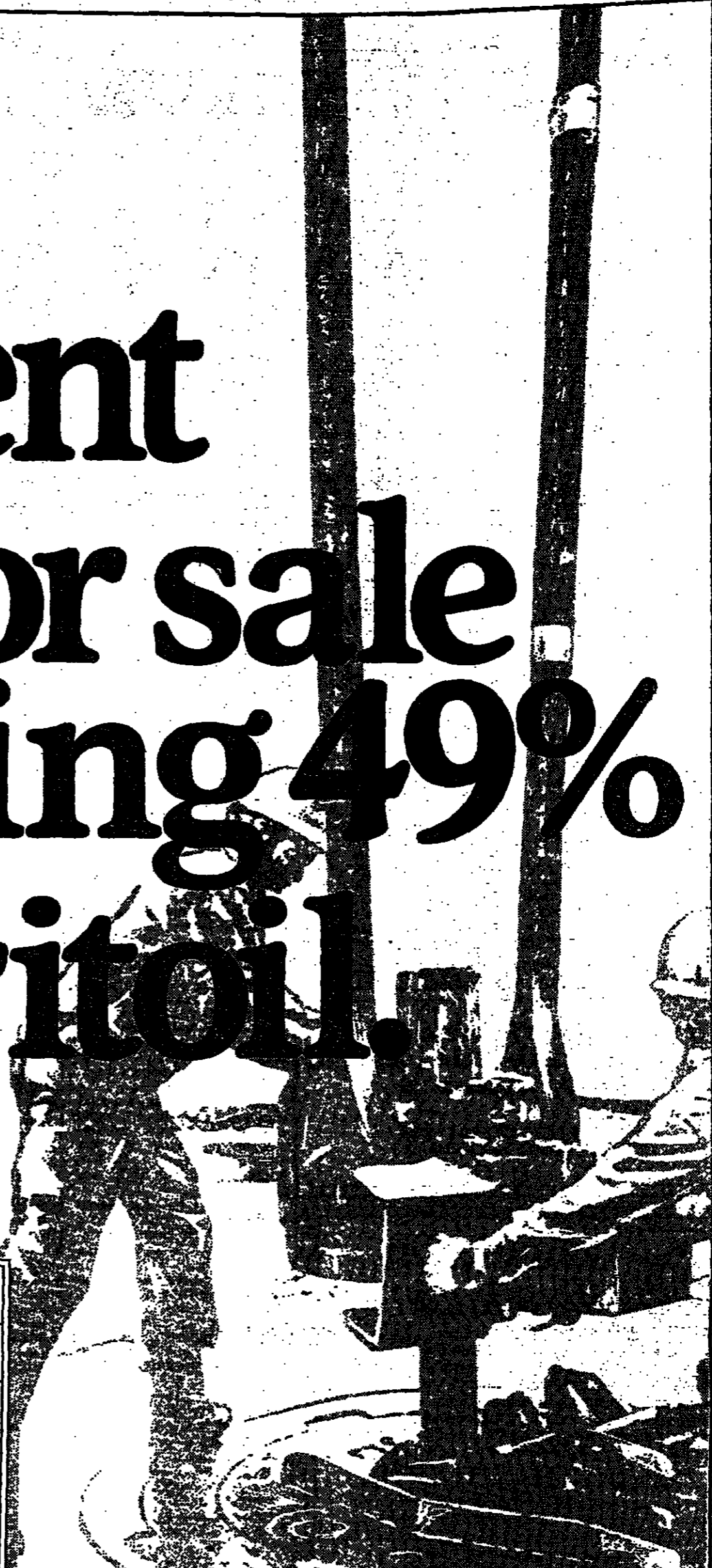
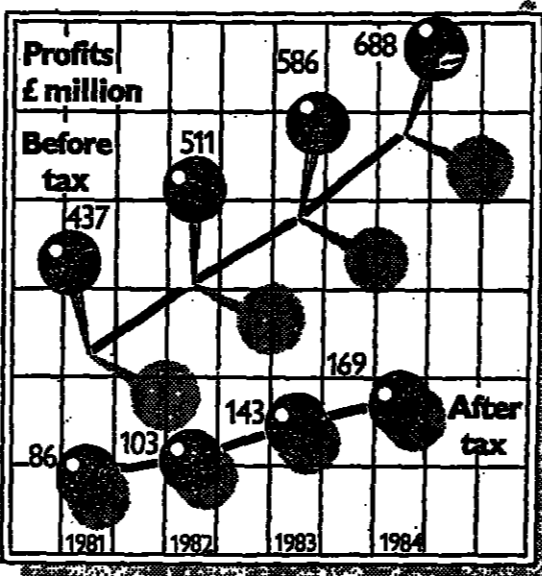
It has the greatest share of exploration acreage of any company on the UK Continental Shelf.

In November 1982, Britoil became a publicly quoted company when the Government sold 51% of its shares to the public.

Since then, Britoil's growth and achievements have been impressive.

Now the Government has decided to offer its remaining shares for sale. And, as in the past, it intends to give private individuals, not just City institutions, a full opportunity to apply for shares.

Since 1981, after-tax profits have virtually doubled. The figures for 1981 and the first seven months of 1982 reflect those of the business transferred from BNOC to Britoil on 1st August 1982.



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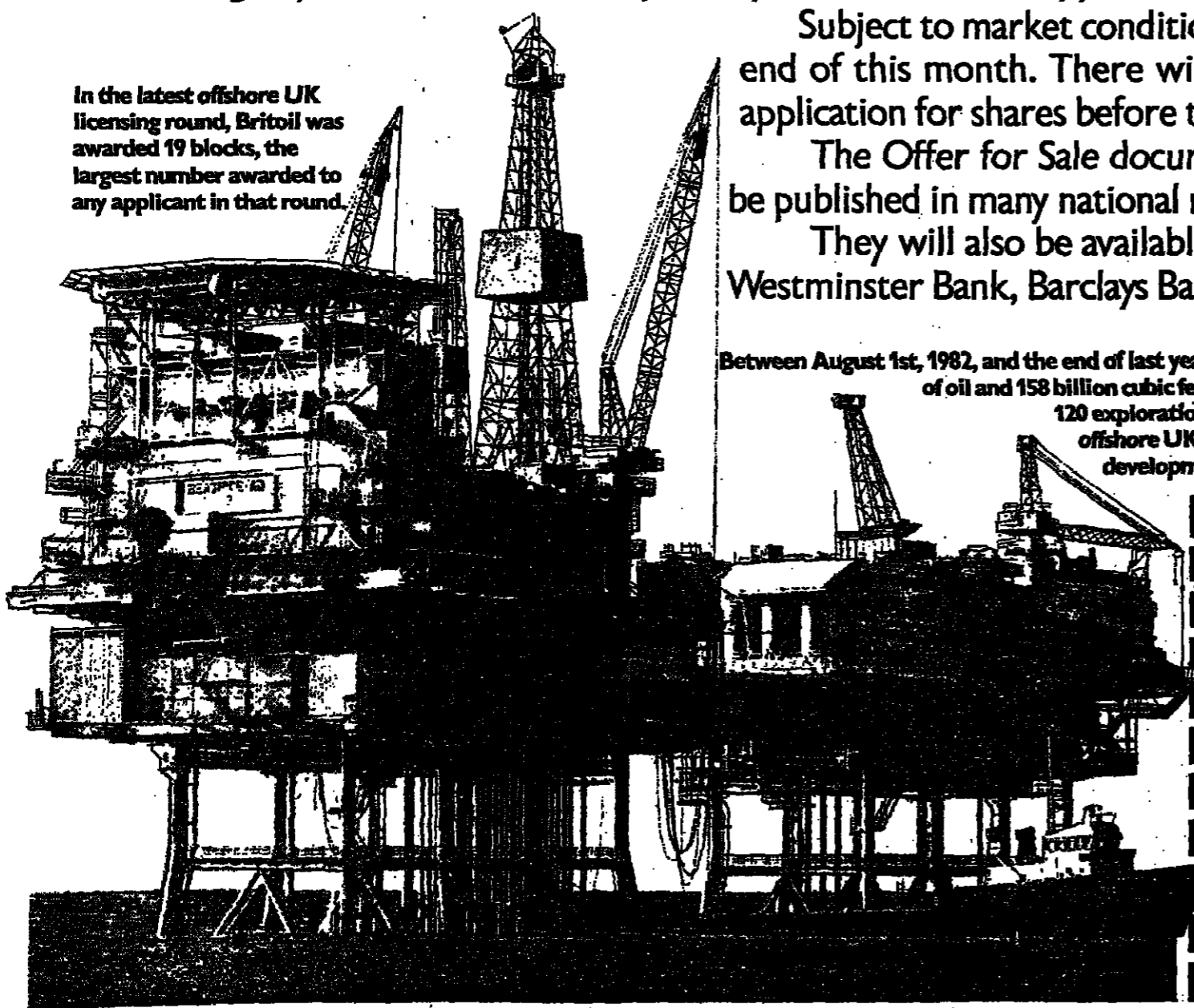
Subject to market conditions, the offer is planned for the end of this month. There will be just seven days to make an application for shares before the offer closes early in August.

The Offer for Sale document and application forms will be published in many national newspapers.

They will also be available from all branches of National Westminster Bank, Barclays Bank and the Bank of Scotland.

Between August 1st, 1982, and the end of last year alone, Britoil produced 141 million barrels of oil and 158 billion cubic feet of gas. It also participated in drilling some 120 exploration and appraisal wells and in bringing four offshore UK fields into production and a further five into development.

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Gilts: forex pays piper and calls the tune

Last week was epic for markets and connoisseurs enjoyed a field day. Was it a turning point for sentiment? Perhaps only time will tell.

The Fed's accommodative stance was validated by poor figures for the US economy. Real growth in the second quarter was less than 2 per cent.

Some members of the Reagan Administration, notably Mr Malcolm Baldrige, would like to reduce the imbalances implicit in the numbers by devaluation of the dollar.

He forecast of 4 per cent real growth for the rest of the year apparently rests on aggressive stock rebuilding by US companies, and a relative improvement in the US external trading position.

Hence the US scenario is partly reminiscent of what took place in Britain over Christmas. Devaluation by stealth coupled with excessive monetary growth and broad indications of fiscal laxity?

The industrial and commercial companies capital account reveal some weird discrepancies. The financial surplus totalled a record £4 billion.

Gilts boomed as the foreigner came straight in, seeking yield pick-up on the back of a straight currency trade.

An uneasy sense of overvaluation prevails among the traders. This shows up in the increasingly bizarre relationship between the gilts market and the economic fundamentals.

The market would, in the past, have been apprehensive about some of the consumption trends now showing through.

Mr Volcker faces a similar set of policy options which are apparently quite irreconcilable. US output is weak, just as British production was feeble in the New Year.

It could go either way. Confusion in the US over the Fed's policy may lead to a sell off in bonds, and wholesale switching into London.

Yet whether the authorities need to be quite so accommodative towards the industrial sector must remain a moot point.

The distortions in the figures are quite startling. Despite the financial surplus, bank and other borrowings have risen by a further £7 billion.

Arguably, the unwinding of the January foreign exchange crisis went roughly as follows: interest rates went up as sterling was defended.

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BRITTOIL YIELD LOOKS ATTRACTIVE



Sir Philip Shelbourne: confident of success

After the latest deliberations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have ended in Geneva, with any luck by Wednesday or Thursday, the final decisions will be taken on the £500 million sale of the Government's 49 per cent stake in Britoil.

Provided that the sheikhs and their oleaginous friends in Africa and South America do not fall out too seriously, the full prospectus for the Britoil sale should be published by the end of the month.

Anyone who is interested in investing in the oil sector should shut his or her eyes and ears to the drum-banging razzmatazz that will surround the prospectus and ask three questions: should I be in the oil sector?

For the longer-term investor, there have to be serious doubts about a sector where demand for the product is declining, supply could dry up in several parts of the world by the end of the century.

If that seems too apocalyptic, a more immediate view can be

leaders and the more enterprising independent groups. Sir Philip, with a barrister's eloquence, turns this view on its head by arguing that Britoil has the best of both worlds.

Certainly that argument will be appreciated by fund managers who want to fill a gap in their oil sector portfolios.

That is the highest equity return in a sector not universally noted for paying income. Why then has the Britoil share price not been chased higher?

The Britoil camp has managed to convince itself that the reason for this blight has been the very fact that the Government retained a 49 per cent stake which the City knew would have to be sold some-

time. But British Aerospace was floated in very similar circumstances in February 1981, yet by the time the State finally divested itself two months ago it was able to obtain a price of 375p.

A more potent factor was the failure of Britoil's debut in November 1982, when only 30 per cent of the shares on offer were taken up by the public.

As the oil analysis of de Zoete and Bevan wrote last week: "With group volumes likely to dip in 1986 and stay below current levels through to 1988, the group's earnings progression in the near term seems destined to be rather pedestrian."

Britoil shares are almost like a convertible loan stock. They have a generous and reasonably secure income, with an equity kicker in the shape of possible oil strikes.

The share price may be clouded this year by the continuing weakness of the dollar, which is driving the sterling price of a barrel of oil below the £20 upon which Britoil's present forecasts are

based. Ultimately, however, the shares must await the sort of change in sentiment that blessed Burma after a long spell in the doldrums.

A privatized operation with more exciting medium-term prospects is Enterprise Oil. It has an unencumbered £100 million of cash and the likelihood of profits will rise from £6.3 million to more than £80 million in the next two years.

Carles Capel is an interesting way to take a stake in Britain's growing onshore exploration programme. It has a 7.5 per cent stake in Wytch Farm, and should begin to receive revenue from Humby Grove next year.

Finally, it is worth looking at the proposed merger between Charterhouse Petroleum and Saxon Oil. The broker, Laurie, Milbank & Co. points out that the combined group will have a strong cash flow to fund exploration and a strong manager to make the most of its opportunities.

William Kay City Editor

FKB chief becomes the 400th millionaire

The Unlisted Securities Market last week created its 400th paper millionaire, according to calculations by Touche Ross, the accountants. He is Mr Brian Francis, managing director of FKB Group.

A further 12 per cent of turnover was attributable to Barclaycard. Yellowhammer expects volume growth from other clients to be faster than that for Barclaycard and Barclaycard, so their share of turnover

should fall substantially in 1985-6. About 25 per cent of the company's equity is being placed by the stockbroker, James Capel, Pretax profit in the year to March 31, 1986 is forecast to rise to over £1.1 million from £779,000 last year.

The prospective price/earnings ratio is expected to be about 17 on an actual tax basis, and the company's market capitalization, subject to last-minute

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communications with the young. Despite the youth emphasis Barclays Bank is Yellowhammer's biggest client and accounted for 41 per cent of group turnover in the year to March 31, 1985.

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Meanwhile, the new issues continue to roll, despite the unpromising state of the market. Tomorrow sees the publication of the prospectus of Yellowhammer, which also began life as a sales promotion company before moving into advertising.

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

market conditions, should be more than £1 million. Advertising is obviously the flavour of the week as the stockbroker, Henderson Crosthwaite, is bringing Mess Advertiser Group to the market, the first regionally-based advertising agency to be publicly quoted.

The company, founded in 1976, has offices in Sheffield, Leeds and Leicester. Its list of more than 100 clients include Agfa, John Courage, Mansfield Brewery, Mount Charlotte Hotels, Wigfals, and the William Hill Organisation.

Profits began to take off in 1983, and a forecast is made of taxable profits of not less than £410,000 in the year ending August 31, 1985 against £227,000 in 1984. The prospective p/e ratio on actual tax of 44 per cent is 14.5.

A total of 824,560 shares - 21.7 per cent of the share capital - is being placed. Of this 42 per cent is being sold by existing shareholders and the rest are new shares.

The placing price is 105p and the market capitalization, £4 million.

Alison Eadie

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A copy of this document, which contains listing particulars with regard to CAP Group plc in accordance with The Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1981, has been delivered for registration to the Registrar of Companies as required by those Regulations. The Directors of the Company, whose names appear below, are the persons responsible for the information contained in this document. To the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not contain anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors of the Company accept responsibility accordingly.

CAP

The Systems Company
CAP Group plc

Offer for Sale
by

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited
of 7,500,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each at 120p per share
payable in full on application

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the Ordinary share capital of the Company, issued and now being issued, to be admitted to the Official List. The Application List for the Ordinary shares now being offered for sale will open at 10.00 am on Thursday 25th July 1985 and may be closed at any time thereafter. The procedure for application and an application form are set out at the end of this document. It is expected that admission to the Official List will become effective and dealings will commence on Wednesday 31st July 1985.

KEY INFORMATION

The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document.

Business

CAP is a leading British systems company whose business is the provision of custom built computer software systems and related professional services.

The Group is engaged in many aspects of information technology. Its principal expertise is in project management and the design and development of complex computer software.

CAP currently serves three markets: Financial Services, Science and Defence, and Industry. Its customers include some of the largest companies and organisations in the world.

CAP was founded in 1962 and now employs over 1,500 people, more than three quarters of whom are graduates. Approximately 730 members of staff hold shares in the Company.

Trading Record

	Year ended 30th April				
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Turnover (£000)	12,635	14,043	20,027	26,289	36,466
Profit before taxation (£000)	95	531	965	1,322	2,121

Offer for Sale Statistics

Offer for Sale price per ordinary share	120p
Ordinary shares in issue after the Offer for Sale	21,837,500
Market capitalisation at the Offer for Sale price	£26.2 million
Earnings per share for the year ended 30th April 1985 (Note (i))	
—basic	7.6p
—fully diluted	7.3p
Historic price earnings multiple at the Offer for Sale price (Note (ii))	
—basic	15.8x
—fully diluted	16.4x
Gross dividend yield (based on indicated net dividends of 1.5p per Ordinary share for the year ending 30th April 1985)	1.78 per cent.
Adjusted net tangible assets per Ordinary share at 30th April 1985 (Note (iii))	42.2p
Net cash proceeds of the Offer for Sale for the Company	£5.1 million

Notes:
(i) As shown in the Accountants' Report.
(ii) Based on the earnings per share for the year ended 30th April 1985 as shown in the Accountants' Report.
(iii) Based on the pro-forma statement of net tangible assets of the Group as at 30th April 1985 as set out in paragraph 9 (c) of Further Information and on 21,837,500 Ordinary shares.

HISTORY

CAP was founded, as Computer Analysis and Programmers Limited, in 1962 and was one of the first companies to provide software services in the United Kingdom. The founders included the present Chairman, Mr J. Coburn; Mr M. J. Smith, the Managing Director, was one of the first employees. CAP specialised initially in the development of programming language compilers and also provided its customers with the services of professional analysts and programmers. Over the years the areas of specialisation have been adapted to meet new customer requirements and to reflect new developments in technology. The Group's present business of providing custom built computer software systems and related professional services has grown steadily and has for many years been its chief source of turnover.

In 1977 the National Enterprise Board and Charterhouse Development Capital Limited acquired 50 per cent. and 15 per cent. shareholdings respectively in the Company from existing shareholders. The present executive Directors took over the management of CAP in 1981 following the disposal of an unsuccessful venture to develop specialised software products for microcomputers. Since 1981 CAP has grown strongly by concentrating its resources on selected markets.

In April 1982, there was a capital reorganisation when NEB and CDC subscribed for further share capital and CIN Industrial Investments Limited and Charterhouse Development Limited became shareholders. In January 1985 NEB sold the whole of its shareholding in the Company to CAP staff and other existing shareholders.

Immediately following this Offer for Sale, and before taking into account any shares acquired by such persons under the Offer for Sale, CDC, CD and CIN will in aggregate hold 26.2 per cent. of the issued Ordinary share capital and CAP staff and the Directors 24.8 per cent. of the issued Ordinary share capital.

MARKETS

CAP currently serves three markets: Financial Services, Science and Defence, and Industry. Within these markets, CAP has identified certain sectors where it can achieve profitable growth. The Group was recently reorganised into three operating divisions in order to focus on these markets and to provide the relevant specialist services and products.

CAP's marketing strategy is to adapt to the changing needs of its existing customers and to search for new business opportunities. In certain specialised sectors CAP's operating strategy is to enter into joint venture arrangements with advanced technology companies.

For the year ended 30th April 1985 the approximate percentages of turnover derived from the markets served by CAP were as follows:

Financial Services	23%
Science and Defence	28%
Industry	49%
	100%

The major change in the pattern of the business has been the growth in Science and Defence, which accounted for approximately 14 per cent. of turnover in 1981/82. The Directors consider that the relationship between the turnover from the Financial Services and Industry markets has remained broadly the same for some years.

CAP's international business is conducted principally through wholly-owned subsidiaries in The Netherlands (Computer Projects and Programming (CPP) B.V.), in the United States (CAP Information Systems Inc.) and in Singapore (CAP Information Systems Pte. Limited). In Hong Kong, CAP owns 30 per cent. of the issued capital of Willstedt Chen & Associates Limited, an information management consultancy. Approximately 18 per cent. of turnover for the year ended 30th April 1985 arose from customers located outside the United Kingdom. CAP has an international marketing strategy and product policy designed specifically to increase its turnover from overseas.

Financial Services

In this market, CAP specialises in consultancy services and the development of custom-built systems, increasingly with high value software products as the nucleus of the system. These products are either derived from systems developed by CAP for customers where CAP has retained either sole or joint rights for future marketing or are licensed by CAP from third parties.

CAP serves the Financial Services market from offices in London, New York, Singapore and Amsterdam. CAP's overseas presence is an important factor in this market given the international nature of the businesses of its major customers.

Within this market CAP has built up specialist expertise in the following sectors:

- Personal payments
- Dealing rooms
- Insurance

SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised £3,000,000	Ordinary shares of 10p each	Issued and to be issued fully paid £2,183,750
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The Ordinary shares now being offered for sale will rank in full for all dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid hereafter on the Ordinary shares in the Company.

INDEBTEDNESS

At the close of business on 28th June 1985 the Company and its subsidiaries had outstanding secured bank loans payable in one to five years of £688,000 and bank overdrafts and loans repayable within one year of £608,000 (of which £541,000 was secured). In addition at 28th June 1985 there were obligations under hire purchase agreements of £238,000, obligations under finance lease agreements of £916,000 and contingent liabilities and guarantees of £249,000.

For the purposes of the above, amounts in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the close of business on 28th June 1985.

Save as disclosed above and apart from intra-Group liabilities, at the close of business on 28th June 1985 the Company and its subsidiaries had no loan capital outstanding or created but unissued, term loans (whether guaranteed, unguaranteed, secured or unsecured) or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills) or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments, mortgages, charges, material contingent liabilities or guarantees.

DEFINITIONS

"The Company"	CAP Group plc
"CAP"	The Company and its subsidiaries and, where the context requires, their predecessors in business
"The Group"	The Company and its current subsidiaries
"The Directors"	The Directors of the Company
"CDC"	Charterhouse Development Capital Limited
"CD"	Charterhouse Development Limited
"CIN"	CIN Industrial Investments Limited
"NEB"	National Enterprise Board
"ACL"	Applied Communications Limited
"ACT"	Applied Communications Incorporated
"SHL"	Stephen Howe Limited

Personal payments

This sector comprises activities related to plastic card processing including Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale (EFTPOS) and home banking applications. CAP's work in this sector began with its involvement in the installation of the original systems for both Barclaycard and Access. More recently, CAP has acted as consultant to the Banking Societies Association for a planned shared ATM network and has worked with individual major societies on similar projects. CAP is providing project management and design staff for the proposed nationwide EFTPOS network being developed for the Committee of London Clearing Banks.

CAP has recently obtained from Applied Communications Incorporated the exclusive marketing rights for the BASE24 software products for the United Kingdom and Western Europe. CAP has been involved with the distribution and support of this important personal payments product in South East Asia for over a year and five contracts have been won to date, including the nationwide EFTPOS network for Singapore.

Dealing rooms

This sector comprises the provision of improved information systems and communications facilities for dealers in securities, commodities, futures and foreign exchange.

CAP was extensively involved in the development of software for the Reuters dealing system in the late 1970s and has used this experience to develop products and services for the sector. Central to these dealing facilities is a CAP system for combining external information from sources such as Reuters, Teletype and TOPIC with the dealer's own data, thereby enabling its rapid assimilation and use. CAP and L. H. W. Wyatt Brothers Limited, a specialist telecommunications equipment company, are shortly to launch a touchscreen telephony system for dealers.

Projects in the sector currently include the design and development of foreign exchange dealing systems for international banks and the design of dealing room facilities for a consortium of United Kingdom stockbrokers (known as the DORIS consortium).

Insurance

A feature of the insurance industry is the need to process large volumes of business information for which up-to-date computer systems are vital. CAP has carried out several significant projects for major insurance companies in both the life and general business sectors. Applications include policy preparation and recording, premium collection and claims handling.

A Lloyd's brokers' system is being marketed in conjunction with the brokers for whom the system was originally developed. CAP also holds 23.5 per cent. of the equity of The Mackenzie Computer Company Limited, a company developing systems for underwriters at Lloyd's; these systems will provide facilities to operate in the electronic market to be introduced at Lloyd's in 1987.

Current customers in the Financial Services market include Abn-Amro Bank Nederland, Anglia Building Society, Bangkok Bank, Barclays Bank Building Societies Association, James Capel Clubbank, Committee of London Clearing Banks, Development Bank of Singapore, de Zeele & Bevan, Henderson Crosswater, Lang & Crutchbank, Lloyds Bank, Mercantile Credit, Midland Bank, Mitsubishi Bank, Morgan Guaranty, Municipal Mutual, National Girobank, National Westminster Bank, Nederlandsche Middenstandsbank, Royal Insurance and Woolwich Equitable Building Society.

Science and Defence

Since the formation of CAP Scientific Limited in 1979, CAP has placed considerable emphasis on the acquisition and development of the scientific and engineering skills required to compete as a prime contractor in the Science and Defence market. Much of the business in this market is funded research which can lead to subsequent development contracts.

CAP Scientific Limited is an approved contractor on the Defence Contractors List, having satisfied the Director General Defence Quality Assurance of its ability to undertake design contracts to the required standard (DEF STAN 06-27). CAP has a wide business base in this market with more than 100 current projects.

CAP serves the defence community and has built up specialist expertise in the following sectors:

- Maritime technology
- Naval command systems
- Military and airborne systems

In addition, CAP has a significant consultancy business in operational analysis.

Maritime technology

This sector includes the development and supply of software for weapons, sensors, ship control systems and shore-based facilities. Much of the current business is funded research for the Admiralty Research Establishment. Current development contracts are mainly in the ship machinery control and

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surveillance area where CAP has a co-operation agreement with Vosper Thornycroft Controls Limited (part of British Shipbuilders). Another recent venture is the formation of CAP-DBE Range Systems Limited, 50 per cent. owned by CAP and 50 per cent. by DBE Technology plc, to address the specialist underwater ranges market and to offer complete systems based on CAP's software and DBE's electronics and acoustics technology.

Naval command systems

A fast growing sector of CAP's defence business has been the development and supply of naval command systems. Major development contracts have been won in collaboration with other companies. CAP joined with Plessey Displays, part of Plessey Radar Limited, to win the new Royal Navy Single Role Minehunter command system contract.

Gresham-CAP Limited was set up in 1983 jointly by CAP and Gresham Lion plc, a specialist manufacturer of underwater target tracking and fire control systems, to address the underwater tactical systems market. It has won the Royal Navy's DCC command system contract for submarines and the Sonar Environmental Prediction and Display System contract for surface ships.

Military and airborne systems

A major feature of this sector is the command, control, communication and information systems business which is likely to form a larger proportion of the NATO countries' defence procurement budgets over the next ten years. CAP has established a number of co-operation arrangements in this sector, including one, with The General Electric Company plc and Logica UK Limited, for project definition of the United communications project for the Royal Air Force.

Other significant business areas in this sector are the Army sensor and weapons market, where CAP has a number of funded research contracts with the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment, and airborne systems for all three Services.

In 1983 CAP acquired Stephen Howe Limited, a company specialising in software for airborne systems. In May 1985 CAP sold 50 per cent. of SHL to Westland plc, thereby forming a joint venture through which airframe technology and specialist software can be combined.

Operational analysis

CAP provides a consultancy service in operational analysis to the defence community and to others responsible for large capital projects through CORDA - CAP's Centre for Operations Research and Defence Analysis. CORDA uses techniques such as computer-based mathematical modelling to assess the cost-effectiveness of both military procurement decisions and private capital investment proposals. In addition, CORDA develops and sells computer software products for such analyses.

The principal customer in the Science and Defence market is the Ministry of Defence through various of its departments. Other customers include the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Department of the Environment and the Department of Energy.

Industry

In its industry market CAP supplies services and systems which cover both information processing and the direct control and monitoring of industrial plant. The Group employs specialists in the relevant technologies, including electronic and communications engineers. CAP serves the industry market from offices in the United Kingdom and The Netherlands.

Within this market the sectors addressed by CAP are:

- Communications
- Manufacturing
- Civil government
- Commerce

Communications

In the communications sector, CAP's customers comprise communications carriers, communications equipment suppliers and regulatory authorities. Projects often demand software design and systems integration skills of a particularly high order. CAP is involved in a wide spectrum of project development activity, including high technology network software, communications management systems and business administration systems.

CAP also plays an active part in the formulation of international communications standards.

Current projects in the communications sector include:

- Network communications software for digital switching equipment
- Cellular radio network management systems
- Enhancement of Local Area Network products
- Definition of communications standards for United Kingdom government departments

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Lease rentals

Payments payable under finance leases in respect of motor vehicles and operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pension schemes

The Group operates contributory pension schemes for eligible employees including Directors. The schemes are contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension Schemes.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified as follows:

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for United Kingdom, The Netherlands, United States, Other.

The Group derives a significant proportion of its turnover from various departments of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence...

Operating expenses

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Depreciation of tangible fixed assets, Director's remuneration, Auditor's remuneration, Hire and leasing charges.

Share of results of related companies

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Share of profits of joint venture in Singapore, Share of profits of related company, Share of profit from other related companies.

The balance of the joint venture was discontinued on 28th February 1985 and the operations have since been carried on by a subsidiary.

Interest

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Interest payable, Interest receivable, Net interest (payable)/receivable.

Taxation

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for United Kingdom corporation tax, Related companies, Deferred taxation.

In preparing the accounts of the Group in the three years ended 30th April 1985, the Directors considered that no deferred taxation provision was required as United Kingdom corporation tax was unlikely to become payable on timing differences arising from accelerated capital allowances.

Discontinued activities

In the year ended 30th April 1981 the Group discontinued its microcomputer software products business and the marketing of certain systems software products for mainframe computers.

Turnover

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Turnover, Expenses, Loss before taxation, Taxation credits, Loss after taxation, Extraordinary items (Note 17).

Dividends

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Proposed Ordinary shares of 10p each, 15% Cumulative Redeemable Preference shares of £1 each, 63.025% Cumulative Convertible Preference shares of 20p each.

On 30th April 1985, as part of a capital reorganisation, all the issued Redeemable Preference shares were converted into Ordinary shares of 10p each.

Earnings per share

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation, Weighted average number of equivalent Ordinary shares in issue.

The weighted average number of equivalent Ordinary shares in issue has been adjusted to reflect the following:

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation, Weighted average number of equivalent Ordinary shares in issue.

Fixed assets - tangible assets

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Fixed assets - investments

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Fixed assets - investments, Net book value.

Contracts in progress

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Contracts in progress, Net book value.

Debtors

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Debtors, Net book value.

Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

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4.15 Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

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4.16 Deferred taxation

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Deferred taxation.

4.17 Share capital

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Share capital.

4.18 Share premium account

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Share premium account.

4.19 Reserves

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Reserves.

4.20 Commitments and contingencies

The Group had at 30th April 1985 capital commitments of £158.0 million in respect of computers and related equipment.

4.21 Post balance sheet events

Purchase of Applied Communications Limited (ACL) by the Group was completed on 28th April 1985.

4.22 Employment of capital

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Employment of capital.

4.23 Disposal of shares in Stephen Farrow Limited

On 18th May 1985 the Group disposed of a 50 per cent. interest in Stephen Farrow Limited (SFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary.

4.24 Movements in share capital

Table with columns for Year ended 30th April 1985, 1984, 1983 and rows for Movements in share capital.

4.25 Further information

1. Share capital: As at 18th July 1982 the authorised share capital of the Company was £2,000,000 divided into 9,000,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each.

- (a) On 20th June 1985 238,000 Ordinary shares were allotted and issued to ACI, evidenced as fully paid, pursuant to the acquisition agreement... (b) By an agreement dated 24th June 1985 between (1) the Company, (2) R. J. Gibbons and others, (3) CD and (4) CD and (5) CDH...

2. Memorandum of Association

The Memorandum of Association provides that the Company's principal objects are to act as and perform all the functions of a holding company or investment company.

3. Articles of Association

The Articles of Association mentioned in paragraph 10 above contain inter alia provisions to the following effect:

- (a) The number of Directors shall be not less than three until otherwise determined by the Company in General Meeting... (b) The Directors shall be elected by the Company in General Meeting... (c) Any Director may be removed or replaced by the Company in General Meeting...

4. Subsidiaries and related companies

The Company directly or indirectly owns the whole of the issued share capital of the companies listed below.

Table with columns for Name, Field of activity, Issued share capital.

4.25 Further information

1. Share capital: As at 18th July 1982 the authorised share capital of the Company was £2,000,000 divided into 9,000,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each.

4.26 Related companies

The Company directly or indirectly has the following related companies in the United Kingdom:

Table with columns for Name and registered office, Description of shares, Properties held.

4.27 Share capital

These are no amounts still to be paid up on any shares in any subsidiaries or related companies.

Portfolio

From your Portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card.

You must always have your card available when claiming.

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Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN. Lists weekly dividend amounts for various companies.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, July 15. Dealings End, July 26. Contango Day, July 29. Settlement Day, Aug 5.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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Whisky and Sandwich as the Shropshire laddie rolls home with nerves of iron

Lyle hits the high Open road to dreamland

Gentle Scot who slew the dragon that is St George's

Sandy Lyle became the first British winner of the Open Championship since Tony Jacklin in 1969 when he moved to a glorious victory at Royal St George's, Sandwich, yesterday...

Christy O'Connor jun, completed a regal day for British and Irish golf by returning a 72 to share third place on 288 with Bernhard Langer (75) of West Germany...

Thrilling as these facts are, they do little to describe the electrifying, emotion-charged atmosphere which suddenly descended on the Kent links as Lyle made his move on the inward half to go past his rivals...

"When I made the putt at the 15th hole for my second successive birdie", Lyle said afterwards "I almost burst into tears because it was so exciting to get back into contention again...

"It's a dream come true, for in 1969, when Tony won, I was in the stands at the 18th green and I felt then how nice it would be to win a championship such as this."

The championship might have taken an age to develop, and the wait for the issue to be resolved seemed like an eternity to Lyle, but the climax was riveting theatre.

When Jacklin won in 1969 the issue was beyond doubt from the moment he nailed a seven-iron into the heart of the last green. For Lyle there was the tortoise completing the hole in the knowledge that behind him either Langer or Graham could destroy the dream.

The atmosphere became electric, unbearable for some, as Lyle, the wind tugging at his trousers, stood on the 18th green with one stroke left. His drive down the right side, which was good as one could hope for and the second was struck well. The ball, however, refused to remain on the rolling green and drifted off to the left into "Duncan's Hollow".

Down there, a furnace for the golfer, George Duncan had laid to get up and down when requiring a putt to tie with Walter Hogan in 1922. Lyle, another Scot even if he was born in Shropshire, faced an equally terrifying situation.

His pitch, struck tentatively, lacked the power to carry the ball far enough. It came to a grinding, almost pathetic, halt, then slowly began to roll back as

can hardly breathe. Lyle senior said. He has guided his son's career from the moment that Sandy struck his first shot at the age of three, no less than 80 yards, even though he was wearing wellington boots.

"I've had a wet dream or two already," Alex Lyle said. "I needed it to get through the afternoon. I've been expecting this for some time - it's taken a little longer than I thought. Years ago I said I would jump off the top of the house when it happened. I've changed my mind now. I think I'll just have another drink."

What started out as a confrontation between Langer and Graham, who held a three-shot advantage on their rivals, evolved into an eventful, see-sawing battle. The two leaders opened the door to the golfers behind them when they each dropped three shots in the first five holes.

Tom Kite, of the United States, was the first on the scene to take advantage as he collected three birdies in five holes from the third. He turned in 32 which, at the time, gave him a one-shot advantage over Graham, who bagged a birdie at the long seventh after being on in two.

Kite, who two years ago took six at the short 12th when challenging for the US Masters, met his Waterloo again with another six at the 10th. He back-pedalled into relative obscurity as O'Connor, with some of the most majestic shots of the day, remained in touch with Graham.

O'Connor, however, could not buy a putt on the undulating greens and, as he became increasingly frustrated, so Lyle, in spite of dropping a stroke at the 13th, broke into a canter that became a gallop. He appeared to be in trouble at the 14th but he contrived to hole a putt of fully 25 feet for a birdie four. Then he hit huge drive at the 15th, an excellent approach to 12 feet and nursed the ball home for another birdie.

So Lyle moved into the lead for the first time alongside Graham, although Langer, after a disappointing outward half of 39, was snapping at their heels again after he had holed from 14 feet for a rare birdie at the 15th.

This time it was not to be for Langer or for Graham. Lyle, having safely negotiated the 16th and 17th by holing the kind of teasing three foot putts which in the past have given him a lot of trouble, was in the clubhouse with his score. By 6.30 he was basking in the glory of victory.

Half an hour later he had accepted the silver claret jug that only Fred Daly, Henry Cotton, Max Faulkner and Jacklin since the Second World War have had the good fortune to raise in the air for Britain and Ireland.

At home in Shropshire, Alex Lyle, Sandy's father, reached for a whisky to cool his nerves. "I



The man who took a grip on himself and the Open title: Sandy Lyle shooting for glory.

FINAL SCORES AT ROYAL ST GEORGE'S. Table with columns for player names and scores. Sandy Lyle is listed with a score of 282. Other players include Christy O'Connor, Bernhard Langer, and Tom Kite.

They had said Sandy Lyle is too gentle and nice a man to be a champion, that he too readily accommodates himself to coming second because life is too short for regrets. No killer-streak, they had said. On a gloriously benevolent summer's day at Sandwich, the kind when you long for the clock to stand still, Lyle conquered the allegedly ferocious Royal St George's, and the doubters.

He so nearly, agonisingly, justified the reputation of being the most agreeable loser in the game when, on the fringe of the 18th green he fluffed a simple chip up to the flag, the ball rolling back towards him almost reproachfully. Yet for 17 holes his equanimity had been his ally, not his weakness.

Never had those in the game doubted his ability. He has always been a sweet striker of the ball. It was almost as an afterthought that last year, having spent quite a bit of money on a new house, he slipped off and recouped it in a few weeks in America.

You could not yesterday have found a more pleasant pair of men than the one about to become champion and Christy O'Connor, the first day's hero, to follow round the course on such an afternoon of swaying fortunes. O'Connor would lean his head sideways following the line of every drive as if to be sure, it might look a little better from that angle. It looked pretty good, from any angle.

"Good luck, Sandy," the voices echoed from outside the ropes as Lyle set off down the first fairway. He promptly sliced in the rough, stunk a second into rough and took five to go over.

Paul Way, the leading money winner in Europe this season, headed the list of players who failed to survive the third-round cut at Sandwich. Way had his successive 76 to slump to 223, 15 over par - the same as Lanny Wadkins, one of the United States' most successful players this year.

Gary Player, 50 this year, and three times Open champion, also failed to make the cut, the same as Craig Stadler, the winner of the title in 1984.

The charm of the round was the companionship of two men enjoying an occupation which has few rivals when things are going well. They would discuss their respective lies, the wind, the proximity of photographers, the

Card of course. Table with columns for Hole, Par, and Yds. Total score for 18 holes is 3428.

CRICKET: SUNDAY LEAGUE LEADERS FALTER BUT STILL HEAD THE PACK

Thomas fire is put out by rain

By Richard Streeton. NEATH: The Australians, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 304 runs behind Glamorgan.

There, as they gathered to watch Thomas bowling, on Saturday evening he had two overs costing 13 runs as he attacked with five slips and two gullies. The wet field and a slow pitch were against him yesterday.

Hadlee puts an end to Surrey's high hopes

By Marcus Williams. GUILDFORD: Nottinghamshire (4) puts beat Surrey by 12 runs.

Nottinghamshire achieved their fourth victory in the John Player League yesterday against Surrey, who have now lost six of their seven matches in the competition since May 12.

Maple Leafs win Gold Cup in extra time

By John Watson. The final of the British Open championship for the Cowdrey Park Gold Cup, which was played at Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday resulted in an 11-10 win for the Maple Leafs against Les Diables Bleus in extra time.

Kent defeat Essex for Essex

By Ivo Tennant. An extraordinary collapse by Kent, the John Player Special League leaders, in which they lost six wickets in as many overs, brought about a victory for Essex after their Saturday defeat.

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Before Mr Justice Waite, Miss J. Baird and Mr A. R. Smith (Judgment delivered July 15)

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Risk of blacking does not render ship unseaworthy

Tossa Marine Company Ltd v Alfred C. Toepfer Schiffahrtsgesellschaft mbH

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Gidwell (Judgment delivered July 10)

The court held that the ship was not unseaworthy because of the risk of blacking. Tossa Marine Company Ltd v Alfred C. Toepfer Schiffahrtsgesellschaft mbH.

Separate cases for consent and adoption

In re C (A Minor)

In adoption proceedings county court judges had a discretion as to whether to dispense with parental consent at the same time as the adoption application.

Legal aid costs at court's discretion

Lee v South West Thames Regional Health Authority (No 2)

The court held that legal aid costs were at the discretion of the court. Lee v South West Thames Regional Health Authority (No 2).

Union official had sufficient locus standi

Ferguson and Another v Liverpool City Council

The branch secretary of the Liverpool division of the National Union of Teachers had sufficient locus standi to bring an application for judicial review.

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